



## **2017 Annual Convention Spokane, WA**

### **RESOLUTION #17 - 47**

#### **“NATIONAL TRIBAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM”**

##### **PREAMBLE**

We, the members of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians of the United States, invoking the divine blessing of the Creator upon our efforts and purposes, in order to preserve for ourselves and our descendants rights secured under Indian Treaties, Executive Orders, and benefits to which we are entitled under the laws and constitution of the United States and several states, to enlighten the public toward a better understanding of the Indian people, to preserve Indian cultural values, and otherwise to promote the welfare of the Indian people, do hereby establish and submit the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians (ATNI) are representatives of and advocates for national, regional, and specific tribal concerns; and

**WHEREAS**, ATNI is a regional organization comprised of American Indians/Alaska Natives and tribes in the states of Washington, Idaho, Oregon, Montana, Nevada, Northern California, and Alaska; and

**WHEREAS**, the health, safety, welfare, education, economic and employment opportunity, and preservation of cultural and natural resources are primary goals and objectives of the ATNI; and

**WHEREAS**, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has decided, without tribal consultation, to eliminate the seven Tribal Technical Assistance Program (TTAP) Centers; and

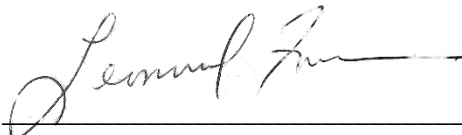
**WHEREAS**, the result of eliminating the seven TTAP centers will have a significant adverse impact to transportation technical services to tribes; and

**WHEREAS**, the seven TTAP centers will be replaced by one national TTAP as a two year pilot program; now

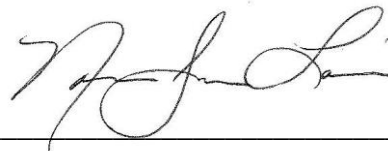
**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that ATNI does hereby urge FHWA to conduct tribal consultation regarding changes to the TTAP and once that is accomplished, we strongly recommend that representatives from the northwest region be involved in the contractor selection process and in evaluating the effectiveness of the National TTAP pilot program.

**CERTIFICATION**

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 2017 Annual Convention of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, held at the Davenport Grand Hotel, Spokane, Washington on September 18-21, 2017, with a quorum present.



Leonard Forsman, President



Norma Jean Louie, Secretary