



2017 Annual Convention Spokane, Washington

RESOLUTION #17 - 48

“SUPPORT FOR THE JOHN P. SMITH TRIBAL ROAD SAFETY AND INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT ACT OF 2017”

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

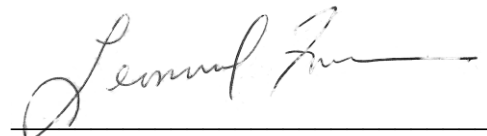
WHEREAS, on December 4, 2015, President Obama signed into law the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act, or FAST Act, (Pub. L. No. 114-94) authorizing rising spending levels that will benefit Indian Country through FY 2020; and

WHEREAS, ATNI has adopted Resolution #16-55, *Support for Secure Funding of the Highway Trust Fund*, regarding obtaining the funding necessary to deliver the promises made to Indian Country within the FAST Act which go beyond FY 2020: now

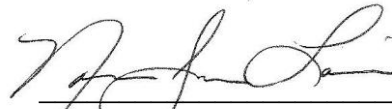
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that ATNI does hereby declare its support for the John P. Smith Tribal Road Safety and Infrastructure Act of 2017; and

CERTIFICATION

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



Leonard Forsman, President



Norma Jean Louie, Secretary