



2017 Annual Convention Spokane, WA

RESOLUTION #17 – 57

“SUPPORT FOR APPOINTMENT OF CHRISTOPHER M. PATTERSON AS REGION 10 HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (HHS) DIRECTOR”

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

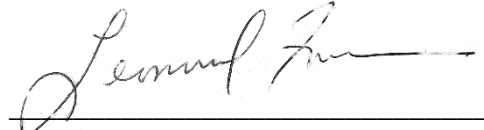
WHEREAS, Christopher M. Patterson has the education, skills and experience to be the Region 10 HHS Director; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Patterson is in the final pool of candidates being considered for the Region 10 HHS Director position; and

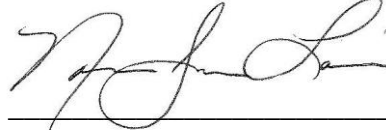
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that ATNI supports Christopher M. Patterson for appointment to Region 10 HHS Director position.

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