



2017 Annual Convention Spokane, Washington

Resolution #17 - 63

“SUPPORT S. 91 & H.R. 228 INDIAN EMPLOYMENT, TRAINING AND RELATED SERVICES CONSOLIDATION 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, and Northern California, and Alaska; and

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

WHEREAS, a long awaited legislation is on the Senate’s unanimous consent calendar to transform a twenty five year old demonstration project to become a permanent bill; and

WHEREAS, legislation first introduced by Senator Murkowski to the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs on October 21, 2015 that “...enables tribes to bundle employment and training

funds from various agencies into a single seamless program and apply the funds to the challenges of putting Native people to work in a manner that actually works on the ground;" and

WHEREAS, H.R. 228 passed the House of Representatives on February 27, 2017 and introduced as S. 91 to the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs on January 10, 2017 by Senators Murkowski and Sullivan; and

WHEREAS, the Indian Employment, Training and Related Services Consolidation Act of 2017 will mark a great step forward in the march toward greater tribal self-governance and self-determination for sixteen participating tribes from Washington, Idaho, Oregon, Montana and Nevada (most of Alaska except Kenaitze), all of which are currently using the authority of P.L. 102-477 Indian, Employment, Training and Related Services Demonstration Act of 1992, as amended in 2000; and

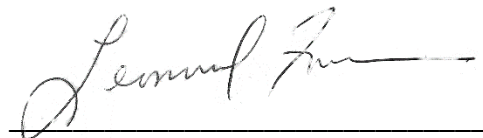
WHEREAS, the passage of the bill will: expand the P.L. 102-477 initiative to nine additional federal agencies to the current agencies of Interior, Labor, Education, and Human Services; strengthen tribal rights to secure statutory/regulatory waivers, or administrative requirements; establish a strict process for Secretarial approval of P.L. 102-477 plans; expand existing employer training provisions; require prompt payment of P.L. 102-477 plan funds to Tribes; mandate an interagency MOA of impacted agencies; mandate an annual meeting of Tribes and federal agencies; preserve tribal rights to contract support costs; mandate the transfer of P.L. 102-477 funds through existing Indian Self-Determination Act (ISDA) contracts; protect Tribes against any requirement to track consolidated funds by original agency source; and authorize Tribes to recover 100% of their indirect costs; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that ATNI supports the passage of the Indian Employment, Training and Related Services Consolidation Act of 2017; and

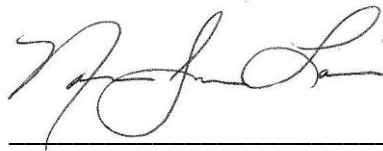
BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that ATNI urges tribal leaders to contact and write letters of support to Senators to vote for an approval of the legislation for passage of this 1st Session of the 115th Congress.

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