



2017 Winter Convention Grand Mound, WA

RESOLUTION #17 - 02

“SUPPORT FOR INDIAN TRADER LICENSE REGULATIONS, 25 CFR PART 140”

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 Tribes of the Northwest are working to build viable economies that provide needed jobs and revenue intended for governmental purposes; and

WHEREAS, many Tribes of the Northwest have adopted a variety of commerce, land use, taxation, and other standard ordinances and regulations intended to advance, support, and encourage private and public sector economic development; and

WHEREAS, one of the significant constraints to attracting or establishing Tribal or private sector business investment is the prospect of double and redundant taxation by other jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, one of the requested questions is “What services do Tribes currently provide to individuals or entities doing business in Indian Country and what role do tax revenues play in providing those services?;” and

WHEREAS, it could be generalized that many Northwest Tribes have sophisticated public services that indiscriminately serve Tribal members, Indians from other communities, non-Indian land and homeowners, privately owned businesses on Tribal and non-Indian lands, and Tribal government operations and enterprises; and

WHEREAS, these services often include fire, police, land use, workforce, water and sewer, road construction and maintenance, and solid waste collection and disposal; and

WHEREAS, these are typically subsidized with Tribal funds, along with some BIA, revenue sharing, or tax codes, but very little from taxation of those that enjoy the services; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that ATNI urges its member Tribes to prepare and submit comments to the Federal Register (RIN 1076-AF30) solicitation of comments; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that ATNI urges the Secretary of Interior to favorably consider adjustment to 25 CFR part 140 that was originally adopted in 1957 with no updates since 1965; and

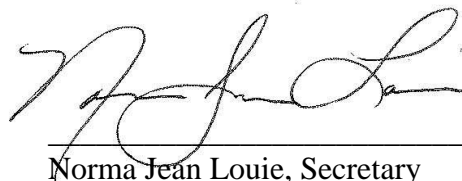
BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that ATNI expresses the position that Tribal governments be afforded equal treatment as governments.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 2017 Winter Convention of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, held at Great Wolf Lodge at Grand Mound, Washington, January 23-26, 2017, with a quorum present.



Fawn Sharp, President



Norma Jean Louie, Secretary