



2016 Winter Convention Suquamish, Washington

RESOLUTION #16 - 16

“REAFFIRMATION OF SUPPORT FOR THE PROPOSED TRIBAL RESOURCES ECONOMIC GROWTH ACT OF 2016”

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 Council of Energy Resource Tribes and the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians Energy Program have a long history of cooperation and coordination to support Tribal energy development; and

WHEREAS, Robert Martin (Makah), is continuing this tradition through the development of an updated and revised Bill entitled the "Tribal Resources Economic Growth Act" (TREGA) to support tribal energy and telecommunications planning; and

WHEREAS, TREGA intent is to create permanent certain tax incentives on Indian lands, establish new demonstration programs for tribal renewable energy, establishment of the Tribal Broadband Fund to provide for tribal broadband deployment, and develop tribal industrial hemp; and

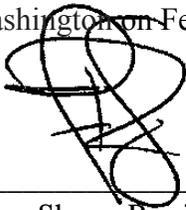
WHEREAS, the ATNI Resolution No.13-50, has previously supported the proposed TREGA; and

WHEREAS, the TREGA of 2016, if introduced as legislation in the United States Congress or otherwise approved or implemented, as amended, to include tribal broadband deployment and other key demonstration programs, will have an important role in promoting tribal welfare, economic growth and energy development, and appears to be gaining strong consideration in the Congress; now

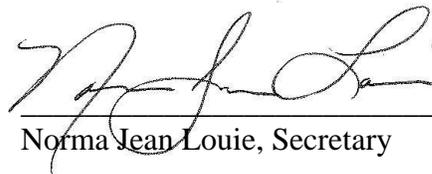
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that ATNI supports the proposed Tribal Resources and Economic Growth Act of 2016 for strong consideration, and, as appropriate, introduction and enactment, in the United States Congress, for the policy reasons cited above, and to further tribal sovereignty through economic growth.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 2016 Winter Convention of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, held at Suquamish Clearwater Casino Resort, Suquamish, Washington on February 1- 4, 2016, with a quorum present.



Fawn Sharp, President



Norma Jean Louie, Secretary