



2012 Annual Convention Pendleton, Oregon

RESOLUTION #12 - 56

“SUPPORT FOR FORMATION OF TRANSIT COOPERATIVE”

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 cost of bus acquisition continues to increase and centralized purchasing can lessen these increases; and

WHEREAS, if all Tribes were to pool their bus purchases the savings per bus will be between 4 and 12 percent; and

WHEREAS, Tribes need to have the ability to utilize the closest dealer to service and support their products; and

WHEREAS, Tribes have been dependant on State Departments of Transportation to acquire buses when using Federal Transit Administration Funding; and

WHEREAS, some State Departments of Transportation continue to insist on waivers of sovereign immunity and other inappropriate demands upon Tribal governments if they wish to purchase off State contracts; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that ATNI does hereby support the formation of a transit cooperative for the acquisition of transit coaches and other transportation related needs.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 2012 Annual Convention of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, held at Wildhorse Resort and Casino, Pendleton, Oregon on September 24 – 27, 2012 with a quorum present.



Fawn Sharp, President



Norma Jean Louie, Secretary