



2013 Winter Convention Grand Mound, WA

RESOLUTION #13 - 13

“SUPPORT FOR NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION CONSORTIUM”

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, at the Annual 2012 ATNI Convention the Transportation Committee was directed (per resolution 12-56) to develop a method for tribes to maximize their collective buying power to acquire transit buses and transportation related products; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Committee leadership created a native transportation consortium to carry out the direction of ATNI; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) is the agency used by the United States of America to oversee the Tribal Transit Program; and

WHEREAS, after meeting with FTA staff concerning our native bus purchase consortium, it is clear that ATNI leadership need to encourage FTA to take all necessary measures to allow for a national native bus purchase program; and

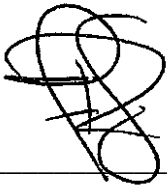
WHEREAS, in order for a native bus purchase program to be successful, all tribal governments and their enterprises need to support one another by using the native bus procurement agreement; and

WHEREAS, that ATNI members have committed themselves to leveraging native purchasing power by utilizing the National Transportation Consortium's bus procurement agreement; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that ATNI does hereby pledge its support for all tribes by supporting the National Transportation Consortium's efforts to develop a native bus procurement and other transportation related products and urge the Federal Transit Administration to support our efforts by allowing for a native bus purchase agreement in 2013 and beyond; and

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 2013 Winter Convention of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, held at Great Wolf Lodge, Grand Mound, Washington on January 28 – 31, 2013 with a quorum present.



Fawn Sharp, President



Norma Jean Louie, Secretary