

2022 Mid-Year Conference Ferndale, Washington

RESOLUTION #2022 - 27

Enhancing Partnerships with Construction Trades

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 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 promote the welfare of the Indian people, do hereby establish and submit the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Affiliated Tribes of the 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 (AI/AN) 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 intent of the Council for Tribal Employment Rights and Tribal Employment Rights Offices (TERO) is to promote training opportunities for the Indian Tribes and Alaska Native Villages to participate in job training programs and bona fide apprenticeship programs so they may journeyman out in whatever Union construction trade of their choice; and

WHEREAS, the Council for Tribal Employment Rights and TERO promotes careers, pension and medical benefits throughout their career at no cost to the Tribe and to retire out of the construction trade of their choice with dignity, pride and fulfillment of personal responsibilities; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that ATNI does hereby encourage Indian Tribes and Alaska Native Villages to promote employment, training and bona fide apprenticeship programs and partnerships with Union construction trades while protecting sovereignty and jurisdiction.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 2022 Mid-Year Convention of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, held at the Silver Reef Casino Resort, Ferndale, Washington, on May 16-19, 2022, with a quorum present.

Leonard Forsman, President

Norma Jean-Louie, Secretary



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NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS

The National Congress of American Indians Resolution #ANC-22-045

TITLE: Enhancing Partnerships with Construction Trades

WHEREAS, we, the members of the National Congress of American 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 the inherent sovereign rights of our Indian nations, rights secured under Indian treaties and agreements with the United States, and all other rights and benefits to which we are entitled under the laws and Constitution of the United States and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, to enlighten the public toward a better understanding of the Indian people, to preserve Indian cultural values, and otherwise promote the health, safety and welfare of the Indian people, do hereby establish and submit the following resolution; and

WHEREAS, the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) was established in 1944 and is the oldest and largest national organization of American Indian and Alaska Native tribal governments; and

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

WHEREAS, the intent of the Council of Tribal Employment Rights and Tribal Employment Rights Offices (TERO) is to promote training opportunities for the Indian Tribes and Alaska Native Villages to participate in job training programs and bona fide apprenticeship programs so they may journeyman out in whatever Union construction trade of their choice; and

WHEREAS, the Council for Tribal Employment Rights and TERO promotes careers, pension and medical benefits throughout their career at no cost to the Tribal Nation and to retire out of the construction trade of their choice and dignity, pride and fulfillment of personal responsibilities.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) does hereby encourage Tribal Nations to promote employment, training and bona fide apprenticeship programs and partnerships with Union construction trades while protecting sovereignty and jurisdiction; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be the policy of NCAI until it is withdrawn or modified by subsequent resolution.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the General Assembly at the Mid Year Conference of the National Congress of American Indians, held in Anchorage, Alaska from June 12-16, 2022 with a quorum present.

Fawn Sharp, President

ATTEST:

Stephen Roe Lewis, Recording Secretary