



**2017 Mid-Year Convention
Portland, Oregon**

RESOLUTION #17 - 32

**“SUPPORT NOMINATION OF DR. CHARLES W. GRIM FOR DIRECTOR OF THE
INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES”**

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 Director of the Indian Health Service (IHS) is a key role for American Indians/Alaska Natives (AI/AN) in the federal government, and responsible for executing the IHS mission of raising the health status of AI/AN to the highest possible level; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Charles W. Grim, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, has served exemplary as IHS Director from 2002-2007, and has extensive experience with operation of large health systems, not only for IHS but also at the Tribal level; and

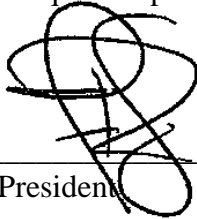
WHEREAS, Dr. Grim is a retired Assistant Surgeon General and Rear Admiral (upper half) in the Commissioned Corps of the United States Public Health Services (USPHS); and

WHEREAS, the IHS and Tribal governments will greatly benefit from the demonstrated leadership skills of Dr. Grim for Indian health; now

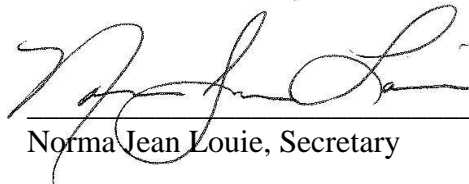
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that ATNI hereby supports nomination of Dr. Charles W. Grim for Director of the Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 2017 Mid-Year Convention of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, held at the Double Tree by Hilton - Portland, Oregon, on May 23-26, 2017, with a quorum present.



Fawn Sharp, President



Norma Jean Louie, Secretary