



2019 Mid-Year Convention Airway Heights, Washington

RESOLUTION #19 – 38

“STAND UP FOR OUR YOUTH’S WISHES AND FUTURE GENERATIONS”

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, the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians is a regional organization comprised of American Indians 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 Affiliated Tribes of the Northwest Indians; and

WHEREAS, ATNI wants to ensure that we do what we can to protect and preserve the water, land, air and species for the next generations; and

WHEREAS, our ATNI youth are asking for us to transition to renewable energies and address climate change to protect their generation (Malaya Stanger, 14, Umatilla); and

WHEREAS, our ATNI youth are asking for us to protect our people from becoming missing and murdered, by investigating and addressing root causes and supporting protectors and detectives in solving existing cases and preventing future cases (Warren, 23, Kalispel); and

WHEREAS, our ATNI youth are asking for us to promote sea turtle health by eliminating the use of plastic straws and providing alternatives in our communities and businesses (Nita, 12, Nooksack and Yakama); and

WHEREAS, our ATNI youth are asking for us to stand up and stop pipeline throughout communities in the Pacific Northwest (Wenptlehnene, Laatis Nowland, 15, Umatilla?); and

WHEREAS, our ATNI youth are asking for us to help end sexism in the United States and create more pathways for women in our own communities to have a voice (Siddalee, 13, Yakama, Umatilla, Nez Perce, Walla Walla and Cayusa); and

WHEREAS, our ATNI youth are asking for us to become better role models in our parenting (Jaedean, 14, Yakama); and

WHEREAS, our ATNI youth are asking us to restore salmon runs back to health for the future (Adrian, 12, Kalispel); and

WHEREAS, our ATNI youth are asking us to stand up and protect our environments so the future generations can experience the fish and animals that we have hunted and caught for generations (Bear, 15, Colville, Kalispel and Nez Perce); and

WHEREAS, our ATNI youth are asking us to protect and restore clean drinking water for our communities (Alyric, 14, Umatilla, Kayus and Walla Walla); and

WHEREAS, our ATNI youth are asking us to end drug abuse, alcohol abuse, and to stop the suicide rates going up by promoting prevention, awareness and understanding (Gorgie Hoisington, 14, CTUIR Youth Council); and

WHEREAS, our ATNI youth are asking us to address the million square mile garbage patch in the ocean by doing our part and reducing our use of single use plastics (Tiana, 13, Yakama and Nooksack); and

WHEREAS, our ATNI youth are asking us to clean up past and prevent future pollution in our communities (Bryson, 13, Umatilla); and

WHEREAS, our ATNI youth are asking us to use more biodegradable products to prevent plastic pollution to address the flow of plastics into our ocean (Juliannah Matamoros, 15, Shoshone Paiute and Umatilla); and

WHEREAS, our ATNI youth are asking us to remove dams from the Pacific Northwest Rivers to ensure salmon for their generation (Keyen Singer, 15, Nez Perce, Navajo and Umatilla); and

WHEREAS, our ATNI youth are asking us to restore our cultures, songs, languages, natural resources and traditions (Keyen Singer, 15, Nez Perce, Navajo and Umatilla); and

WHEREAS, our ATNI youth are asking us to restore our languages and promote everyday language use in our communities and ensure that our languages are passed down to future generations (Lindsey Pasena Littlesey, 14, Lakota, San Fulipe Pueblo and Hopi); and

WHEREAS, our ATNI youth are asking us to eliminate drug abuse in our communities and keep our youth from being exposed to drugs (Ella Stewart, Es'te Ese, 13, Umatilla and Crow); and

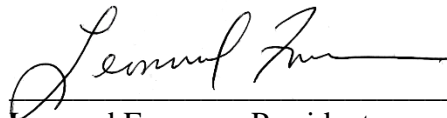
WHEREAS, our ATNI youth are asking us to protect our environments with clean water, air and land so that our people can stay healthy and live long meaningful lives (Ronnie, 18, Ecuador exchange student at Kalispel); and

WHEREAS, our ATNI youth are asking us to help end racism and make the planet a safer and more equitable place for Indigenous youth (Teresa, 14, Kalispel and CDA); and

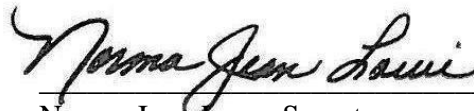
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that ATNI we will do everything in its power to address these issues and stand up for our youth's wishes and future generations.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 2019 Mid-Year Convention of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, held at Northern Quest Resort and Casino, Airway Heights, Washington on May 20-23, 2019, with a quorum present.



Leonard Forsman, President



Norma Jean Loue, Secretary