



2020 Winter Convention Portland, Oregon

RESOLUTION #2020 – 06

“TE WHARE WĀNANGA O AWANUIĀRANGI INTERNATIONAL INDIGENOUS DOCTORAL PROGRAMME”

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, Te Whare Wānanga o Awanuiārangi is a fully accredited Aotearoa (New Zealand) tertiary education institution with internationally recognised degrees from under graduate through to the highest level of doctoral study; and

WHEREAS, Te Whare Wānanga o Awanuiārangi has an international Indigenous doctoral programme comprising 5 cohorts with a total of 28 doctoral scholars across Washington State, Hawai'i and Waikato-Tainui (Aotearoa); and

WHEREAS, Te Whare Wānanga o Awanuiārangi has 2 successful graduates from the Chehalis nation, and 2 further scholars (Lummi & Tulalip) currently in examination with graduation pending and 10 doctoral scholars currently enrolled in the Tacoma, Washington State based cohorts; and

WHEREAS, research concludes that Native and Indigenous students are more likely to succeed in education programmes that recognise and uphold Native and Indigenous pedagogies, and positive transformative research outcomes for communities are most likely to arise from Native and Indigenous research approaches; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that ATNI does hereby support a partnership, in collaboration with the established Education Northwest Memorandum of Understanding, with Te Whare Wānanga o Awanuiārangi to endorse their Indigenous doctoral programme for Native scholars in the tribal nations of the Northwest; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that ATNI work closely with tribal nations to provide support for tribal members to enrol in the programme and successfully attain the doctoral degree as offered by Te Whare Wānanga o Awanuiārangi within the international Indigenous doctoral programme.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 2020 Winter Convention of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, held at the DoubleTree by Hilton - Portland, Oregon, on January 27-30, 2020, with a quorum present.



Leonard Forsman, President



Norma Jean Louie, Secretary