



2020 Virtual Annual Convention

RESOLUTION #2020 – 28

“URGE SUBSTANTIAL INCREASED FUNDING OF THE TRIBALLY CONTROLLED COLLEGE – UNIVERSITY ENDOWMENT PROGRAM”

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, Northwest Indian College is a tribal college accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities; and

WHEREAS, Northwest Indian College’s primary source of institutional funds for qualified tribal colleges is the congressionally funded Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities Assistance Act (TCCUAA) of 1978; and

WHEREAS, Northwest Indian College provides access to high-quality postsecondary educational opportunities for—

- (1) American Indians;
- (2) Alaska Natives; and
- (3) Non-Native individuals; and

WHEREAS, the Tribally Controlled College Or University Endowment Program in sections 301-306 of the Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities Assistance Act (TCCUAA) of 1978 is grossly underfunded; and

WHEREAS, the Endowment Program use of funds in the TCCUAA section 303 are to; “defray any expenses associated with the operation of such college or university, including expense of operations and maintenance, administration, academic and support personnel, community and student services programs, and technical assistance”; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that ATNI does hereby urge the U.S. Federal Government to fully fund Tribal Colleges and University operations at the authorized level; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that ATNI does hereby urge the U.S. Federal Government to provide an additional substantial increase in funding to the Endowment Program of the Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities Assistance Act (TCCUAA) to support long term growth and sustainability of Tribal Colleges; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that ATNI does hereby urge the U.S. Federal Government to waive the matching requirement of the Endowment Program of the Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities Assistance Act (TCCUAA) to support long term growth and sustainability of Tribal Colleges and Universities.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 2020 Virtual Annual Convention of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, Portland, Oregon, on October 5 – 8, 2020, with a quorum present.

Leonard Forsman, President

Norma Jean Louie, Secretary