



## **2021 Virtual Mid-Year Convention**

### **RESOLUTION #2021 – 28**

#### **“SOVEREIGNTY SUMMIT 2021”**

#### **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 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 ATNI; and

**WHEREAS**, since time immemorial, the Indigenous peoples of our region have possessed the inherent right to self-determination and self-governance to make exclusive decisions regarding their lands, territories, people, resources, and sacred sites; and

**WHEREAS**, during its 107<sup>th</sup> plenary meeting convened on September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2007, the United Nations adopted the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP), recognizing the inherent rights, including a recognition that no other sovereign shall make unilateral decisions affecting the lands, territories, people, resources, and sacred sites without their Free, Prior, and Informed Consent (FPIC); and

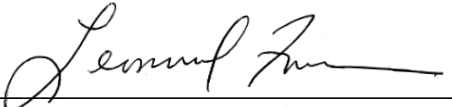
**WHEREAS**, at the 107<sup>th</sup> United Nations plenary meeting, the United States cast its vote in opposition to UNDRIP however, during the second annual White House Tribal Nations Conference convened on December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2010, President Barack Obama announced that the United States would finally endorse the UNDRIP; and

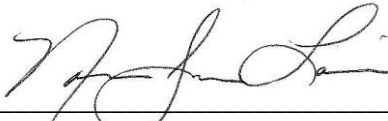
**WHEREAS**, the ATNI member tribes seek to fully implement the universal and globally adopted human and civil rights set forth in the UNDRIP, including FPIC, and recognize that policy objective requires the aggressive, strategic, inclusive, and effective multilateral action that is the leadership legacy of ATNI; now

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that ATNI calls for a Sovereignty Summit 2021 to convene its member tribes on the traditional homelands of the Squaxin Island people for that purpose.

**CERTIFICATION**

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 2021 Virtual Mid-Year Convention of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, Portland, Oregon, on May 24 – May 27, 2021, with a quorum present.

  
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Leonard Forsman, President

  
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Norma Jean Louie, Secretary