



## **2021 Virtual Annual Convention**

### **RESOLUTION #2021 – 35**

#### **“SUPPORT TRIBAL LEADERSHIP 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**, the future of Indian Country depends upon the quality of its youth leadership; and

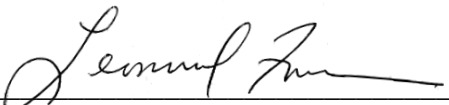
**WHEREAS**, the need to create the next generation of civic leaders from the Pacific Northwest is vital for tribal sovereignty and tribal self-determination, to understand public policy and emerging issues, the legislative and political process, and campaigns and elections; now

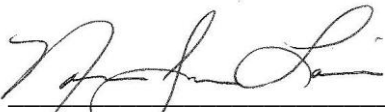
**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, ATNI supports the development of emerging tribal civic leaders from the Pacific Northwest; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, ATNI supports the development of a youth civic leadership program with partners and non-governmental organizations.

**CERTIFICATION**

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 2021 Annual Convention of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, September 27 – 30, 2021, with a quorum present.

  
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Leonard Forsman, President

  
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Norma Jean Louie, Secretary