



2022 Mid-Year Convention Ferndale, Washington

RESOLUTION #2022 - 14

Support for the House of Welcome at the Evergreen State College on the Occasion of its 25+1 Anniversary

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, s'gʷi gʷi ʔ altxʷ, the House of Welcome, the Longhouse at The Evergreen State College was the first of its kind tribal cultural building on a U.S. College Campus in 1995, having been developed with funding and assistance from tribes throughout Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana, and national foundations; and

WHEREAS, the House of Welcome marked its 25 +1 anniversary in 2021, celebrating the Tribal elders and artists whose cultural expression and arts have shaped the arts programing through its Longhouse Education and Arts Center; and

WHEREAS, the Longhouse Education and Arts Center has given more than \$800,000 in grants directly to Native artists, has promoted and supported the continuation of tribal cultural arts across our four state region through workshops and funding; and

WHEREAS, the House of Welcome building continues to serve as a gathering place for tribal peoples, Native artists and Indigenous artists from around the Pacific Rim, and its fiber art and carving studios continue to serve as places of training for emerging Native artists in the cultural arts of the Tribes in its four state service area; and

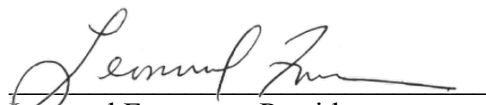
WHEREAS, s'gʷi gʷi ʔ altxʷ, the House of Welcome, requests that ATNI support the continuation of this historic cultural building on a U.S. college campus, as well the continuation of its cultural arts programming that support future generations of tribal artists; now

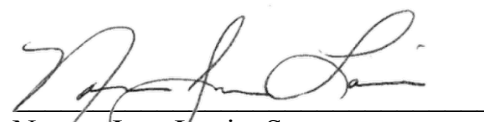
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians hereby joins in the celebration of the 25 +1 anniversary of the House of Welcome at the Evergreen State College, and supports the continuation of its cultural arts programing, including through tribal, state, federal and foundation funding; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that ATNI celebrates the anniversary of the House of Welcome – Longhouse at The Evergreen State College and supports its continued operations.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 2022 Mid-Year Convention of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, held at the Silver Reef Casino Resort, Ferndale, Washington, on May 15-19, 2022, with a quorum present.


Leonard Forsman, President


Norma Jean Louie, Secretary