



2022 Mid-Year Convention Ferndale, Washington

RESOLUTION #2022-15

Support for Establishment of Training Programs for Tribal Leaders and Other Government Workers at The Evergreen State College

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 Evergreen State College in consultation with the Tribes is developing two new programs to train and support tribal leaders and other government employees; and

WHEREAS, The Evergreen State College has a long history of working with Tribes to develop key academic programs, including the historic Reservation Based Community Determined Bachelor's Degree and the ongoing Master of Public Administration with a focus in Tribal Governance; and

WHEREAS, Tribes in consultation meetings asked The Evergreen State College to establish a training to support elected tribal leaders, especially in their first years in office, and to establish a separate training for government workers whose jobs require them to interact with Tribes; and

WHEREAS, last year The Evergreen State College launched an ongoing series of consultation meetings to hear from Tribes what they needed from the College, and Tribes identified these training programs as critical; and

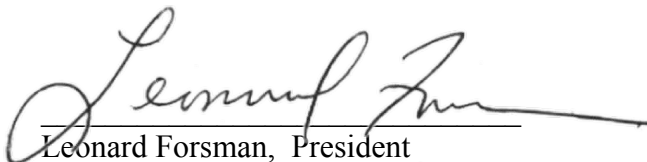
WHEREAS, The Evergreen State College requests that ATNI support the establishment of these training programs, for tribal leaders and government workers, including urging state, federal and other funders to support these trainings; now

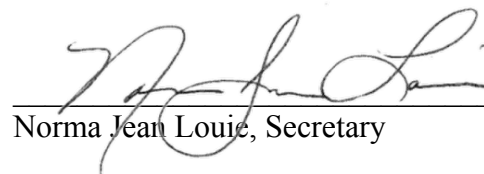
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians hereby supports the establishment and fundraising efforts of key training programs at The Evergreen State College for Tribal leaders and for government workers; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that ATNI supports the establishment and funding of the Tribal Leader Training and the Advanced Tribal Relations Certificate at The Evergreen State College.

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 16-19, 2022, with a quorum present.


Leonard Forsman, President


Norma Jean Louie, Secretary