



**2022 Annual Conference
Tulalip, Washington**

RESOLUTION #2022 – 34

“To Urge the State of Washington to Extend and Fully Fund the Washington State Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and People’s Task Force Through June 30, 2025”

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 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 the 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, indigenous women and people go missing and are murdered at rates much higher than the national average; and

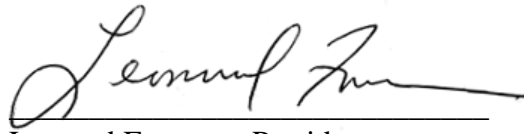
WHEREAS, the Washington State Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and People (MMIWP) Task Force has been meeting regularly since December 2021; and

WHEREAS, the work to address the crisis of MMIWP in the Pacific Northwest requires a sustained effort; now

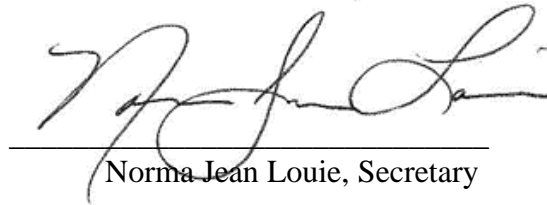
THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, ATNI urges the State of Washington to extend and fully fund the work of the Washington State MMIWP Task Force through June 30, 2025.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 2022 Annual Convention of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, held at the Tulalip Resort Casino, – Tulalip, Washington, on September 18-22, 2022, with a quorum present.



Leonard Forsman, President



Norma Jean Louie, Secretary