



**2022 Annual Conference
Tulalip, Washington**

RESOLUTION #2022 – 41

**“Amend the Charter for Native American Veterans Advisory Committee to
Include Cultural Language and Understanding Diversity of all Tribes”**

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 advocate 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 ATNI Veterans Committee, their associates and stakeholders would request that the Department of Veterans Affairs respectfully amend the charter of the Native American Indian Veterans Advisory Council to include; and

WHEREAS, for each branch of service that is the largest per capita of any nation to serve in the United States Military of all theaters; to include the language acknowledging Cultural understanding of each individual nation and/or tribe; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that ATNI Veterans call on the United States Congress to support and call for consultation of the Advisory Committee to discuss and amend the Charter to include understanding the cultural and language and addition of alternate members for the Tribes and/or nations; and

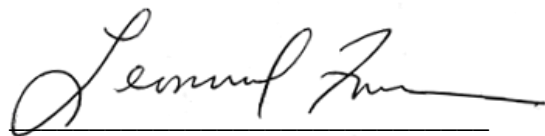
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that ATNI Veterans call upon the National Congress of American Indians and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs Tribal Veterans Advisory Committee to support this resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the ATNI tribal veterans and tribal veterans of all nations need the Department of Veteran Affairs to add the amended suggestions be brought forth for process and change; and

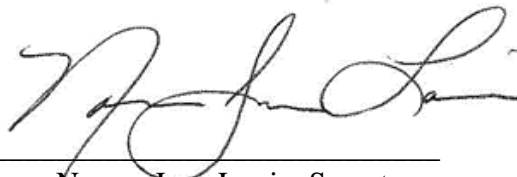
BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that ATNI does hereby support the ATNI Veterans Committee and its associate tribes that participate within the Native American Indian Veterans Advisory Committee.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 2022 Annual Convention of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, held at the Silver Reef Casino Resort – Tulalip, Washington, September 16-22, 2022, with a quorum present.



Leonard Forsman, President



Norma Jean Louie, Secretary