



2023 Winter Convention Portland, Oregon

RESOLUTION #2023 – 16

“RESOLUTION IN REGARD TO REDUCING USE AND/OR RECYCLING OF PLASTIC BOTTLES AND OTHER PLASTIC ITEMS IN PROTECTION OF MOTHER EARTH”

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 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 ATNI; and

WHEREAS, the member tribes of ATNI have been able to open and develop tribal casinos and other businesses on their lands in the Pacific Northwest; and

WHEREAS, many of these business entities and tribal communities use plastic products in their daily operations which are petroleum based and detrimental to our Mother Earth in their production; and

WHEREAS, the oceans, waterways and landfills are being overrun with number of plastic bottles, bags and other petroleum-based plastics; and

WHEREAS, we as Indigenous people want to protect Mother Earth for future generations; and

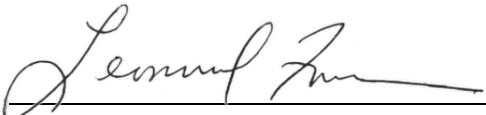
WHEREAS, petroleum extraction in itself has devastated much land and water has been negatively impacted by the growth and use of plastics throughout the Nation and specifically the Pacific Northwest; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the ATNI and its members hereby pledge to reduce or eliminate the use of plastics in its business entities, tribal communities, and if plastics are used, encouraged to recycle these as much as possible; and

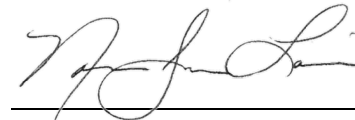
BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the ATNI and its members will continue to examine the use of materials that are harmful to Mother Earth to protect her for future generations.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 2023 Winter Convention of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, Portland, Oregon, on January 22-26, 2023 with a quorum approving.



Leonard Foresman, President



Norma Jean Louie, Secretary