



2023 Winter Convention Portland, Oregon

RESOLUTION #2023 – 17

“MISSION AND GOALS OF THE PHILANTHROPY COMMITTEE”

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, despite American Indian/Alaska Natives accounting for nearly 3% (5.4 million) of the U.S. population, less than 1% (.04%) of the nation’s charitable giving is going to Indian Country; and

WHEREAS, American Indian/Alaska Natives (AI/AN) are the first philanthropists, but Native people remain invisible in the philanthropic and charitable giving world; and

WHEREAS, ATNI seeks to impact Philanthropy through our traditional ways of giving and generosity, where wealth is measured in shared abundance; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the ATNI Philanthropy Committee is to advance just and effective giving and policies in AI/AN communities; and

WHEREAS, the desired result of the ATNI Philanthropy Committee (PC) is to promote the following:


1. Seek funding for the creation and development of PC strategic plan and staff support for the ATNI Philanthropy Committee
2. Change grantmaking policy to remove barriers to funding,
3. Advance a data clearing house of ATNI tribes funding needs,
4. Educate funders about Tribes and Tribal Communities
5. Provide philanthropic technical assistance for Tribes
6. Provide technical philanthropic assistance for Native led non-profits
7. Spearhead fundraising campaigns focused on fundraising unmet Northwest AI/AN needs; now


THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, ATNI members and the board supports continued conversations with tribal leaders, charitable contribution staff, grants department staff, native non-profits and native foundations toward actions of just effective giving practices; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, ATNI member tribes and the executive board supports the establishment and continuation of the Philanthropy Committee.

CERTIFICATION

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


Leonard Forsman, President


Norma Jean Louie, Secretary