



2023 Midyear Convention Worley, Idaho

Resolution #2023 – 27

“Request to Indian Health Service to Modernize Scholarship Profession Needs and Loan Repayment Surveys”

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 Indian Health Service (IHS) administers annual scholarship health professions priority and loan repayment program priorities surveys; and

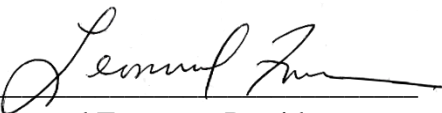
WHEREAS, these surveys do not fully reflect the needs of tribes—especially in the area of public health workforce development; and

WHEREAS, the IHS scholarships do not adequately include the allied health professions and public health professions needed to meet the expected needs of tribal communities; now

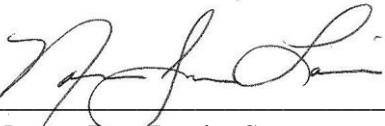
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that ATNI requests that IHS conduct tribal consultation on redesign of its Scholarship Health Professions Priority and Loan Repayment surveys to reflect the current needs of the tribal health workforce.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 2023 Midyear Convention of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, held at the Coeur d'Alene Casino Resort - Hotel in Worley, Idaho, on May 8-11, 2023, with a quorum present.



Leonard Forsman, President



Norma Jean Louie, Secretary