



## **2023 Midyear Convention Worley, Idaho**

### **Resolution #2023 – 32**

#### **“Supporting the Tribal Economic and Tax Reform Advocacy Alliance (TETRAA) and Authorizing ATNI to Provide Support and Participation”**

#### **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**, ATNI recognizes that Tribal Nations are stronger when they work together and engage in bipartisan efforts to advance their shared interests; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tribal Economic and Tax Reform Advocacy Alliance (TETRAA) is a coalition of American Indian tribal nations, intertribal Native organizations, Native-owned

businesses, and their professional advocates dedicated to advocating for changes in federal law and regulations that interfere with Indian Country economic development; and

**WHEREAS**, TETRAA typically meets bi-weekly and hosts events around the Treasury's Tribal Advisory Committee to discuss and coordinate engagement strategies, including periodic strategy summits and fly-ins; and

**WHEREAS**, TETRAA is focused on addressing key challenges faced by Tribal Nations, such as double taxation and state interference, expanding tax exemptions for all income on Tribal lands and all treaty-derived activities, modernizing Indian Trader regulations, and establishing permanent federal agency positions to represent the interests of Tribal Nations; and

**WHEREAS**, TETRAA supports legislative measures such as the Native American Land Empowerment Act, also supported by ATNI, to empower Tribal Nations in managing their lands and resources for the benefit of their nations; now

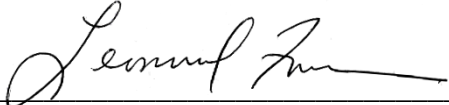
**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that ATNI hereby supports the Tribal Economic and Tax Reform Advocacy Alliance (TETRAA) and its mission and objectives; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that ATNI hereby supports the participation in TETRAA meetings, activities, and events on behalf of ATNI and to represent ATNI's interests and the interests of its member Tribal Nations; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that ATNI calls upon its member Tribal Nations and all other interested parties to join and support TETRAA in their efforts to advance economic development, promote tribal sovereignty, and protect the rights of Tribal Nations and their citizens.

**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.

  
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Leonard Forsman, President

  
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Norma Jean Louie, Secretary