



2023 Midyear Convention Worley, Idaho

Resolution #2023 – 38

“Commitment to Partner with Na’ah Illahee Fund”

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 Na’ah Illahee Fund is a philanthropic established in 2005 in Seattle, WA and provides financial support to Alaska Natives and Indian Tribes, Indian organizations, and urban Natives in the Northwest area, and

WHEREAS, The mission of Na’ah Illahee seeks funding and resources to build leadership capacity, intertribal networking and advocacy of Native projects and community development; and

WHEREAS, future generations are vital to tribal sovereignty and intergenerational relationships contributes to our collective community development, health and well-being; and

WHEREAS, youth desire to increase and strengthen their leaderships skills and knowledge in communication, strategic planning, healthy youth development and the creation of safe spaces to promote youth interdependence and self-determination; and

WHEREAS, youth seek to promote tribal self-determination by addressing drug and alcohol addiction, historical and intergenerational trauma, mental health crisis, healthy and accessible opportunities, and need for safe and trustworthy role models; and

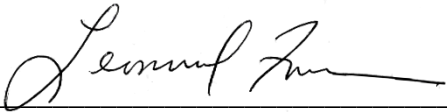
WHEREAS, collaboration, partnership building, and networking with other tribal youth and organizations to exchange ideas and knowledge will support consistency in meetings, trainings and organizing; and

WHEREAS, tribes can support the exchange of ideas and concerns raised by youth by making time to support youth visions, initiatives and funding for events and their growth; now

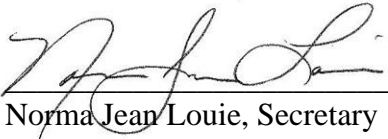
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that ATNI does hereby commit to a partnership with the Na’ah Illahee Fund to support capacity building of young adult leaders in our Indian tribes, Indian organization and urban native communities and the development of ATNI.

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