



2023 Annual Convention Grand Mound, Washington

RESOLUTION #2023 – 50

“COMMITMENT TO SUPPORT MOTHER NATION’S SPIRIT JOURNEY VILLAGE RECOVERY HOUSING PROJECT”

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 member tribes uphold and acknowledge the sacred nature of Native women and their role in safeguarding Native families and as keepers of cultural knowledge, and

WHEREAS, ATNI member tribes acknowledge the historical and ongoing violence against Native women as documented by the murdered and missing indigenous women reports

by the Urban Indian Health Institute and other agencies, and

WHEREAS, addiction medicine data documents that sexual assault and domestic violence are often predictors of addiction to alcohol, opioids and other drugs, and

WHEREAS, a wide range of public health agencies the documents the rate of fatal overdose deaths is greatest in the American Indian/Alaska Native community: in some regions it is five times greater than that measured for non-Hispanic White residents, and

WHEREAS, Mother Nation is a Native-led non-profit organization established in 2012 to provide safe transitional housing with wrap-around services and cultural support for Native women in recovery from sexual assault, domestic violence and substance use disorder, and

WHEREAS, The National Indian Women's Resource Center identifies Mother Nation as the only Native-led agency in the U.S. providing services specific to the needs of Native women who have experienced sexual assault and domestic violence, and

WHEREAS, ATNI tribes acknowledge that Native people in recovery are best served through services anchored in Native ways, cultural support combined with western behavioral health services, and

WHEREAS, the residents of Mother Nation's Spirit Journey House are Native women referred for services by ATNI tribes as well as Alaska Native Villages and tribes across the country to receive culturally-anchored services in safety; and

WHEREAS, Catholic Community Services has made a commitment to donate a four-lot property in Skyway, WA valued at \$1,420,000 to Mother Nation as a site for development of the Spirit Journey Village; and

WHEREAS, Mother Nation is undertaking a capital campaign to raise \$10,000,000 with which to develop Spirit Journey Village; and

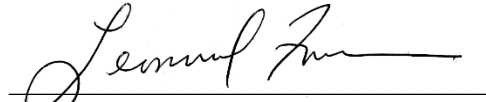
WHEREAS, Mother Nation has been awarded \$1,148,000 from Congress through the 2023 Congressional Direct Spending process; and

WHEREAS, Mother Nation will seek funding from private philanthropic sources, the Washington State Legislature, regional tribes and other funding sources; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that ATNI does hereby commit to support Mother Nation and development of Spirit Journey Village to bring needed services to our Native women recovering from sexual assault, domestic violence and substance use disorder.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 2023 Annual Convention of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, Great Wolf Lodge, Grand Mound, Washington on September 18 - 21, 2023, with a quorum approving.



Leonard Forsman, President



Norma Jean Louie, Secretary