



**2023 Annual Convention
Grand Mounds, Washington**

RESOLUTION #2023 – 53

**“SUPPORT FOR SUBMITTING A PUBLIC LAW 93-638
CONTRACT PROPOSAL”**

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, tribes of the Pacific Northwest have rights to, and interest in, natural and cultural resources on which our shared tribal and religious cultural practices are based; these practices include fishing, hunting, gathering and other activities through which we carry on our tribal traditions and ways of life; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to mobilize tribal communities throughout the Northwest region to raise awareness of natural resources issues, climate justice issues, environmental impacts, precautionary principles, and viable sustainable renewable energy solutions; and

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need to strengthen links with traditional leaders, to network and share resources toward identifying healthy and viable solutions; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for environmental education in the face of the climate change crisis and how it effects our watersheds and habitats that preserve our fish, wildlife, air, water, and the natural resources that sustain us all; and

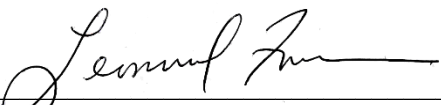
WHEREAS, the Bureau of Indian Affairs and other agencies provide the opportunity to interface with the most current scientific research within the Northwest region, and to provide an analysis of pending state and federal legislation, in both the natural resources and energy arenas, and the potential impact to tribal communities within the Northwest region; and

WHEREAS, ATNI is available to coordinate gatherings, provide training, have follow-up meetings, provide resources and referrals, provide consultation services, and provide recommendations and counsel on any action items; now

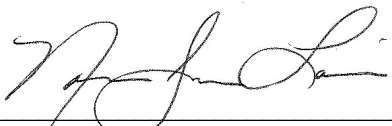
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that ATNI submits a proposal to the Bureau of Indian Affairs for ATNI to submit Public Law 93-638 contract proposals to coordinate conferences, conventions, summits, meetings and workshops to further the collaboration, education, and capacity of its member tribes.

CERTIFICATION

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



Leonard Forsman, President



Norma Jean Louie, Secretary