



2024 Midyear Convention Canyonville, Oregon

RESOLUTION #24 – 19

“ENDORSEMENT OF OPPOSITION TO I-2117”

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 Washington State Legislature passed the Climate Commitment Act (CCA) in 2021 through collaborative climate advocacy efforts of Tribal Nations and environmental NGOs including Washington Conservation Action (then Washington Environmental Council/Washington Conservation Voters) and the Nature Conservancy; and

WHEREAS, the CCA aims to lower carbon emissions throughout Washington State in part through carbon credit auctions; and

WHEREAS, 10% of revenue generated from the carbon credit auctions goes towards investments supported by a resolution of a Tribal nation or proposed by a Tribal nation and another 35% of revenue generated goes to frontline communities (which may also include Tribal nations); and

WHEREAS, the revenue generated from the CCA is invested in solutions throughout the state to reduce climate pollution such as clean energy, clean transportation, and climate-smart buildings; and

WHEREAS, all who care about the future of our state are appreciative of the leadership role that multiple Tribes took to help pass this critical bill including Chehalis Tribe, Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation, Cowlitz Indian Tribe, Jamestown S’Klallam, Kalispel Tribe of Indians, Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe, Muckleshoot Indian Tribe, Nisqually Indian Tribe, Nooksack Indian Tribe, Puyallup Tribe of Indians, Quinault Indian Nation, Sauk-Suiattle Tribe, Snoqualmie Indian Tribe, Spokane Tribe of Indians, Squaxin Island Tribe, Suquamish, Tulalip Tribes and the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians (ATNI); and

WHEREAS, because of Tribal leadership, Washingtonians and future Washingtonians will see the benefits of pollution reduction and investments in clean energy, climate resilience, and salmon recovery; and

WHEREAS, at the same time as hundreds of millions of dollars are being invested into communities across the state from the funds raised by the CCA, there is an effort to repeal this landmark law heading to the 2024 ballot as Initiative 2117; and

WHEREAS, the loss of the CCA would result in the loss of millions of dollars to Tribes throughout Washington State; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians hereby provides support to the Washington - NO on Initiative 2117 Campaign; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians hereby formally opposes the efforts of Initiative 2117 to repeal the Climate Commitment Act; and

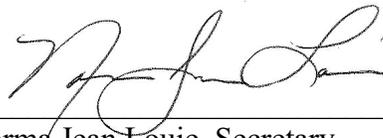
BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be the policy of ATNI until it is withdrawn or modified by subsequent resolution.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 2024 Midyear Convention of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, held at the Seven Feathers Casino, Canyonville, OR, May 19 – May 23, 2024, with a quorum present.



Leonard Forsman, President



Norma Jean Louie, Secretary