



**2024 Annual Convention  
Ridgefield, Washington**

**RESOLUTION #2024 – 29**

**“SUPPORT OUTREACH TO LOCAL TEACHERS TO LEARN ABOUT  
AFFILIATED TRIBES OF NORTHWEST INDIANS (ATNI) CLIMATE  
CHANGE WORK”**

**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 natural, 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 Tribes have been taught by our ancestors that our natural resources are linked to our people, culture, history, health, education and our survival, Tribal leaders are responsible for taking care of the land for our children’s children, for generations tribes took care of the land, and our land took care of tribal people; and

**WHEREAS**, now our mother earth is changing, she needs tribal and non-tribal people to do conservation, preservation and restoration for all our natural resources for all of us to live off our land because our natural resources have no boundaries; and

**WHEREAS**, it is recognized that responsible leadership is needed not only to from the ATNI Tribes, but state, Federal and local governments that is accountable to our people our environment, our health, our education and our economy; and

**WHEREAS**, the Pacific Northwest and nation are seeing climate change impacts and some of the ATNI Tribes have made climate change a priority to coordinate with local, state and federal entities to seek a collaborative solution for their tribal members/community; and

**WHEREAS**, none of the fifty-seven tribes, states, Federal Departments and local governments can do this alone, therefore an outreach plan is needed to educate and gain support from the local people; and

**WHEREAS**, Oregon and Washington have passed legislation that requires local tribal history be taught in local schools; and

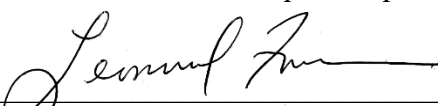
**WHEREAS**, in August, 2024, Steve Robertson coordinated a two-day Teacher’s Workshop that was hosted by the Tulalip Tribe, 21 teachers from western Washington attended, they are scheduled to teach over 3,000 students, five Tribal Leaders made presentations on how important our natural resources are for our culture, history, future, health, education and economic development; and

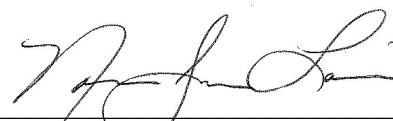
**WHEREAS**, the teachers went through the Tulalip museum and toured Tulalip projects that were working to restore, protect and enhance natural resources and after the workshop they had a much better understanding of why the ATNI Tribes are working hard for our Tribal Rights, which also benefits the Pacific Northwest; now

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Climate Resiliency Committee and Education Committee, ATNI staff coordinate a two-day “Teacher’s Workshop” to have Tribal leaders make presentations to local teachers in eastern Washington and another one in Oregon to educate local teachers on how important our regional natural resources are to tribal members and the benefit it brings to non-tribal members who live in the Pacific Northwest in 2025 that will be taught in local schools and an update will be provided at the 2025 ATNI Annual Convention to see if other “Teacher’s Workshops” should be coordinated.

**CERTIFICATION**

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 2024 Annual Convention of the Affiliated Tribes of the Northwest Indians, held at ilani Casino Resort, Ridgefield, Washington on September 29 – October 3, 2024 with a quorum present.

  
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Leonard Forsman, President

  
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Norma Jean Louie, Secretary