



2024 Annual Convention Ridgefield, Washington

RESOLUTION #2024 – 36

“SUPPORT INTERNAL COORDINATION THROUGH CLEAN ENERGY, RESPECT SOVEREIGNTY IN PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE”

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, the United States and several states are now reviewing and looking at clean energy for the future nationwide which is making the Northwest a critical crossroads, facing challenges to the health of the planet and future of iconic fish, wildlife, and our people; and

WHEREAS, many of the ATNI Tribes have seen the impacts of clean hydro energy on our natural resources, our culture, and our history and are working to restore, protect and enhance the Pacific Northwest natural resources for our children, children; and

WHEREAS, ATNI Tribes support clean energy but do not want to see a repeat of the impacts that occurred in response to hydro energy development, and therefore have chosen to commit to working with other groups on a national and regional level that are engaged in efforts that will lead to a brighter and healthier future that addresses Tribal concerns; and

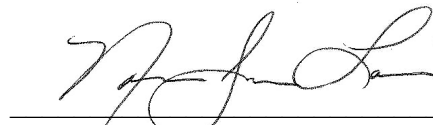
WHEREAS, currently there are several reviews, planning activities, and discussions occurring with very little Tribal involvement, because not all the ATNI Tribes have the funding or technical assistance to assist in these activities; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the ATNI Energy Committee and ATNI staff will work with ATNI Tribes, Tribal Commissions, and groups on the regional and national levels to start developing an ATNI Tribal Energy Strategy DRAFT Plan, ways to explore getting common data for good management planning and decisions, outreach to universities/colleges and to provide an update at the 2025 ATNI Annual Convention; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the Affiliated Tribes or Northwest Indians affirm the commitments by state and federal government to meaningful government-to- government consultation and coordination on energy policy agendas; urge coordination and engagement across state and federal agencies that make decision that impact Tribal natural resources to proceed consistent with sovereign and sovereign comments through collaboration and partnership.

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.


Leonard Forsman, President
Norma Jean Louie, Secretary