



**ATNI Winter 2025 Convention  
Portland, Oregon**

**RESOLUTION # 2025 – 03**

**“ENDORSEMENT OF THE ‘TRIBAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:  
INDIAN COUNTRY’S POLICY PRIORITIES FOR THE FEDERAL  
GOVERNMENT’ BRIEFS”**

**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 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 the representatives and advocates for national, regional, and specific tribal concerns; and

**WHEREAS**, ATNI is a regional organization comprised of American Indians/Alaska Natives and Indian tribal governments 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**, a coalition of Native organizations collaborated to recently issue companion policy briefs for the Trump Administration transition team and the 119th Congress,

both entitled “Tribal Economic Development: Indian Country’s Policy Priorities for the Federal Government”; and

**WHEREAS**, the policy recommendations encompass Congressional legislation, Appropriations, and the United States Departments of Transportation, Energy, Interior, Agriculture, Commerce, and Treasury along with associated Federal entities such as the Federal Reserve Bank, Federal Home Loan Bank, and Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; and

**WHEREAS**, the briefs’ contributing and endorsing Native organizations include the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, the National Congress of American Indians, the Indian Gaming Association, Intertribal Agriculture Council, the National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development, and the Native CDFI Network; and

**WHEREAS**, several of the policy recommendations include those that have been previously supported by the ATNI membership and associated ATNI Committees; and

**WHEREAS**, the Northwest Native Lending Network (NNLN), in conjunction with staff and board members of the ATNI Economic Development Corporation, have reviewed these policy priorities and fully recommend approval by the ATNI Economic Development Committee and ATNI membership; and


**WHEREAS**, the ATNI Economic Development Committee approved this resolution in their meeting this Winter Convention on Wednesday, January 29th, 2025, thereby advancing these recommendations for the ATNI General Membership’s consideration; now


**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that ATNI approves of and supports the policy briefs, prepared by National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development (NCAIED), that were developed for the Trump Administration transition team and 119th Congress entitled “Tribal Economic Development: Indian Country’s Policy Priorities for the Federal Government”; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that ATNI will rely on the various ATNI Committees and partner Native organizations to issue periodic reports and updates about these briefs and related advocacy to the ATNI Economic Development Committee and ATNI General Membership.

**CERTIFICATION**

The foregoing Resolution was adopted at the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians 2025 Winter Convention held at the Hilton Portland Downtown in Portland, Oregon on January 26-30, 2025, with a quorum present.

  
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Leonard Forsman, President

  
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Norma Jean Louie, Secretary