



**ATNI Winter 2025 Convention
Portland, Oregon**

RESOLUTION # 2025 – 05

**“OPPOSITION OF THE ADOPTION OF ‘PRAGERU’ EDUCATIONAL
MATERIALS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS THROUGHOUT IDAHO,
MONTANA, THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST, AND INDIAN COUNTRY”**

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, the 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, the ATNI recognizes that education is the cornerstone for cultural preservation, self-determination, and the well-being of Tribal youth; and

WHEREAS, PragerU, a non-profit organization that provides educational materials in the form of short videos that include content that dismisses the history and ongoing impact of colonization on Native Americans, and as of December of 2024, is authorized in the States of Idaho, Montana, Arizona, Florida, Louisiana, New Hampshire, South Carolina, and Texas; and

WHEREAS, PragerU’s material undermines Indigenous sovereignty, perpetuates racially discriminatory narratives, and trivializes historical and contemporary injustices experienced by Native peoples, contrary to the principles outlined in state and federal educational standards; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the ATNI formally opposes the adoption of PragerU’s material for use while teaching Native American History in public schools within Idaho, the Pacific Northwest, and all Indian Country due to its racially discriminatory and culturally harmful content; and

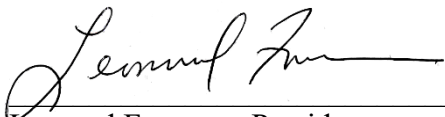
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that ATNI calls upon the Idaho Department of Education and Superintendent of Public Instruction to immediately withdraw the endorsement of this resource, to eliminate the option for school boards to adopt PragerU’s materials to teach Indian history, and to engage in meaningful government-to-government consultation with the federally recognized tribes in Idaho; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that ATNI calls upon educational leaders in Idaho, Montana, the Pacific Northwest, and Indian Country to collaboratively develop educational materials that align with both state and Tribal educational standards; and

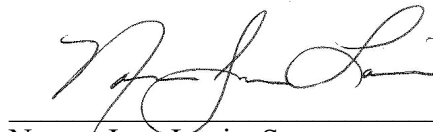
BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be the policy of the ATNI until it is withdrawn or modified by subsequent resolution.

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.



Leonard Forsman, President



Norma Jean Louie, Secretary