



**ATNI Midyear 2025 Convention  
Airway Heights, Washington**

**RESOLUTION # 2025 – 20**

**“CALL TO THE ADMINISTRATION TO HONOR TRIBAL  
SOVEREIGNTY, THE GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT  
RELATIONSHIP, AND TRIBAL SELF-DETERMINATION BY  
DIRECTLY FUNDING TRIBAL NATIONS FOR HEALTH CARE”**

**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**, Northwest Tribes are sovereign nations, not a minority group, with the right to govern themselves and their Tribal citizens, including developing programs and services for their people; and

**WHEREAS**, this Administration has reorganized the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to "Make America Healthy Again" which opens the door for the Administration and Congress to streamline funding to Tribal Nations; and

**WHEREAS**, Tribal Nations have had a long-standing request for direct funding from HHS instead of through grants or block grant funding through states; and

**WHEREAS**, Northwest Tribes are better able to determine the needs and priorities of their people and have extensive experience with Indian Self Determination Education and Assistance Act Self-Governance Title I Contracts and Title V Compacts; and

**WHEREAS**, Northwest Tribes are better able to develop and implement impactful programs to help eliminate fraud, waste and abuse; and

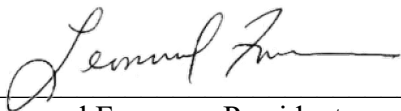
**WHEREAS**, Northwest Tribes are more efficient in providing culturally tailored health care to their people; now

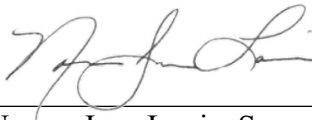
**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that ATNI calls upon the Administration and HHS, or other agencies, to provide a 15% set-aside of funding for Tribal Nations for health care services to be allocated through Indian Nation Agreements, Consolidated Contracts or Self-Governance Annual Funding Agreements across all federal agencies; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that this resolution shall be the policy of ATNI until it is withdrawn or modified by a subsequent resolution.

**CERTIFICATION**

The foregoing Resolution was adopted at the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians 2025 Midyear Convention held at the Northern Quest Resort and Casino in Airway Heights Washington on May 11-15, 2025, with a quorum present.

  
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Leonard Forsman, President

  
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Norma Jean Louie, Secretary