



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

**RESOLUTION # 2025 – 21**

**“PROTECT AND INCREASE FY 2026 INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE  
FUNDING”**

**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**, appropriations for the Indian Health Service (IHS) budget have been chronically underfunded annually, which impacts the health care status of AI/AN people; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Tribal Budget Formulation's Workgroup's recommendation for the FY 2026 IHS Budget is \$63 billion; and

**WHEREAS**, the annual amount to fund Contract Support Costs (CSC) and 105(l) leases have increased significantly and are reducing the IHS core budget each fiscal year which decreases core funding to IHS and Tribally-operated programs; and

**WHEREAS**, Northwest Tribes agree with the Administration's efforts to eliminate "waste, fraud, and abuse," as Tribes are extremely frugal with funding received; and

**WHEREAS**, Northwest Tribes are concerned that any reduction in government funding will have direct impacts on the FY 2026 IHS budget; now

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that ATNI calls on Congress to move Contract Support Costs and 105(l) leases costs from discretionary to mandatory appropriations in FY 2026; and

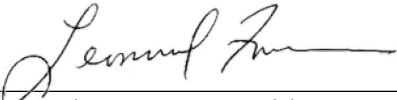
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that ATNI calls on Congress to fully fund the Indian Health Service at \$63 billion for FY 2026, although ATNI acknowledges that this will not make AI/AN communities whole; and

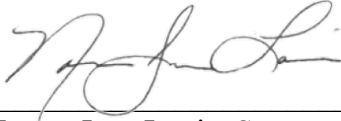
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that ATNI calls on Congress to provide advanced appropriations for FY 2027 in FY 2026 appropriations; and

**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