



ATNI Midyear 2025 Convention Airway Heights, Washington

RESOLUTION # 2025 – 34

“SUPPORT FOR AN AFFILIATED TRIBES OF NORTHWEST INDIANS (ATNI) YOUTH ROUNDTABLE”

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, Tribal youth are impacted by many critical issues and challenges that were not experienced by previous generations, while also being affected by historical trauma; and

WHEREAS, Tribal youth also have a wide array of new opportunities available to them and have the capability to be outstanding leaders in their schools, families, and community; and

WHEREAS, Tribal youth and leaders must work together to identify the best solutions and strategies to thoroughly address the challenges and take advantage of the opportunities; and

WHEREAS, in 2011, ATNI passed Resolution #11-50 for the creation of the youth roundtable; and

WHEREAS, ATNI's Youth Committee would like to re-affirm and revitalize Resolution #11-50; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that ATNI calls for an "ATNI Youth Roundtable" to be held at the 2025 ATNI Annual Convention to discuss the needs of Tribal youth in the Northwest; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that ATNI urges member Tribes to sponsor an adult representative and at least one youth representative to contribute to the 2025 ATNI Youth Roundtable; and

Be IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the 2025 ATNI Youth Roundtable develop a working strategy for continuous youth engagement for future ATNI Midyear and Annual Conventions.

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.



Leonard Forsman, President



Norma Jean Louie, Secretary