



**2026 Winter Convention
Portland, Oregon**

RESOLUTION # 2026 – 017

“APPROVAL OF THE ATNI 2026 – 2028 STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK”

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 Executive Board embarked on a strategic planning process to revisit ATNI’s organizational foundation statements and to set out their ATNI’s strategic directions for the next three years; and

WHEREAS, ATNI planners collected input and data from ATNI’s current and past leadership, membership, and staff, the Board and executive director; and

WHEREAS, the ATNI Executive Board and executive director gathered on July 15-16, 2025, for a 1.5-day strategic planning session at the ilani Resort in Ridgefield, WA; and

WHEREAS, ATNI staff and board have developed a Strategic Framework to guide the direction of the Organization from 2026-2028; and

WHEREAS, the ATNI Executive Board made a motion at its January 15, 2026 board meeting to recommend approval of the ATNI 2026-2028 Strategic Framework; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the ATNI Executive Committee formally accepts and supports the attached ATNI 2026-2028 Strategic Framework; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that ATNI will provide regular updates on progress on the plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the ATNI Executive Board may make changes to the Framework to remain flexible and responsive to unforeseen issues and opportunities that may arise; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this will be the policy of ATNI until it is withdrawn or modified by subsequent resolution(s).

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing Resolution was adopted at the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians 2026 Winter Convention held at the Hilton Portland Downtown in Portland, Oregon, on February 1-5, 2026, with a quorum present.



Leonard Forsman, President



Norma Jean Louie, Secretary