



**2026 Winter Convention
Portland, Oregon**

RESOLUTION # 2026 – 019

**“REQUEST FOR DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY TO
CONDUCT TRIBAL CONSULTATION ON TECHNICAL TRAINING OF
TRIBAL IDENTIFICATION CARD AUTHENTICATION”**

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 members in good standing participating in the Tribal Leader Roundtable at the 2026 ATNI Winter Session request a series of Tribal Consultations with the

U.S. Department of Homeland Security for the purpose of government-to-government consultation on best practices and technical training on Tribal identification authentication for all DHS agents, officers, and representatives; now

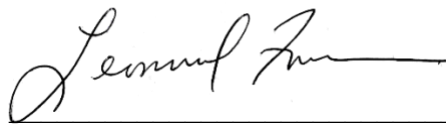
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that ATNI demands that the United States Department of Homeland Security engage in formal government-to-government consultation with the ATNI Tribes across the states of Washington, Idaho, Oregon, Montana, Nevada, Northern California, and Alaska with technical training of Tribal identification card authentication; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that ATNI urges the Department of Homeland Security to uphold its federal trust responsibilities and commit to meaningful, timely, and transparent consultation consistent with Executive Order 13175 and the DHS Tribal Consultation Policy, ensuring that Tribal perspectives are fully considered in the development and implementation of any policies, programs, or actions impacting American Indian and Alaska Native people; and

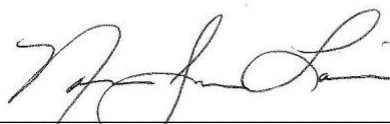
BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this will be the policy of ATNI until it is withdrawn or modified by subsequent resolution(s).

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