



2026 Midyear Convention Ferndale, Washington

RESOLUTION # 2026 – 026

“ENCOURAGING SUPPORT OF THE AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVE CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT ACT (AI/AN CAPTA)”

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, 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, on March 24, 2026, Senators Lisa Murkowski and Elizabeth Warren, alongside Representative Adelita Grijalva, reintroduced the American Indian and Alaska Native

Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (S. 4179 and H.R. 8048), bipartisan bills that would amend the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (P.L. 93-247) to increase the amount of funding available from a shared 1% set-aside to a 5% Tribal set-aside for Tribal Nations to support child abuse and neglect prevention activities; and

WHEREAS, AI/AN CAPTA would create a separate Tribal set-aside for child abuse prevention funding, supporting sustained investment in Tribal prevention programming and culturally relevant prevention strategies developed by Tribal Nations and Tribal organizations; and

WHEREAS, an increase from a shared 1% set-aside to a 5% Tribal set-aside is an investment in Tribal sovereignty and the safety of Native children; and

WHEREAS, the Community Based Child Abuse Prevention grant program is only one of two dedicated funding programs that specifically targets the design and implementation of prevention programs in Tribal communities; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that ATNI supports American Indian and Alaska Native Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (S. 4179 and H.R. 8048); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that ATNI encourages Tribal Nations to work with their congressional delegates to encourage them to sign on as co-sponsors of the legislation; and

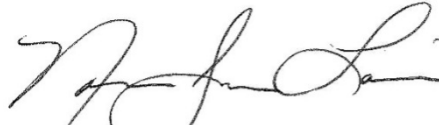
BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this will be the policy of ATNI until it is withdrawn or modified by subsequent resolution(s).

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing Resolution was adopted at the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians 2026 Midyear Convention held at the Silver Reef Casino Resort in Ferndale, Washington, on May 17-21, 2026, with a quorum present.



Leonard Forsman, President



Norma Jean Louie, Secretary