



**2026 Midyear Convention
Ferndale, Washington**

RESOLUTION # 2026 – 028

**“REQUEST FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE TO RECONSTITUTE
THE U.S. ATTORNEY GENERAL’S ADVISORY COMMITTEE (AGAC)
AND NATIVE AMERICAN ISSUES SUBCOMMITTEE (NAIS) TO
ADDRESS INDIAN COUNTRY PUBLIC SAFETY”**

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, the U.S. Attorney General’s Advisory Committee (AGAC) was created in 1973 and advises the Attorney General on matters of policy, procedure, and management impacting the Office of the U.S. Attorneys and elevates the voices of U.S. Attorneys in Justice Department policies; and

WHEREAS, the Native American Issues Subcommittee (NAIS) is the longest-standing subcommittee of the AGAC and is tasked with helping to develop, shape, and implement recommendations on public safety and legal issues affecting Indian Country; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Attorney General has not yet appointed members to the AGAC or AGAC-NAIS; and

WHEREAS, it is critical to Reservation public safety to have U.S. Attorneys serving in districts that include Indian Country or federally recognized tribes to have elevated voices in the Justice Department and to help shape Justice Department policies; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that ATNI calls on the U.S. Attorney General to immediately stand up the U.S. Attorney General’s Advisory Committee (AGAC); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that ATNI calls on the U.S. Attorney General to also immediately appoint U.S. Attorneys to the AGAC Native American Issues Subcommittee (NAIS); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the ATNI calls on the NAIS once constituted to schedule a meeting with Tribal leaders to discuss the public safety issues affecting Indian Country and Reservations; and

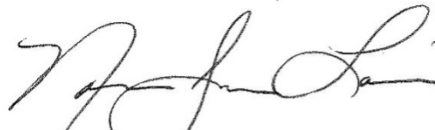
BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this will be the policy of ATNI until it is withdrawn or modified by subsequent resolution(s).

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