



**2026 Annual Convention
Snoqualmie, Washington**

RESOLUTION # 2026 – 039

**“THE AFFILIATED TRIBES OF NORTHWEST INDIANS (ATNI)
ENERGY COMMITTEE SUPPORTS THE FORMATION OF A TASK
FORCE ON ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI)”**

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, a range of Artificial Intelligence (AI) technologies have emerged that have the potential to effect significant and even transformative changes in society; and

WHEREAS, responding to the rise of AI is one of the chief self-determination challenges of our time; and

WHEREAS, Indians and Tribes have specific interests and concerns that intersect with the development and deployment of AI technologies, including in language, culture, spirituality, data sovereignty, tribal and treaty rights, health and human services, and other areas; and

WHEREAS, as sovereign governments, Tribes have responsibilities in harnessing the positive potential of AI for their people, guarding against misuse or other negative effects of AI, and managing generalized impacts in the areas of workforce development and economic growth, data protection and cybersecurity, health, education, and environmental protection; and

WHEREAS, Tribes are using AI and developing laws and policies relating to AI; and

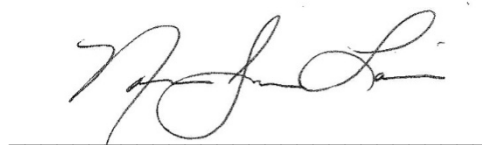
WHEREAS, Tribes have an interest in more robust engagement with federal, state, and local governments in the development of AI laws and policies and with private companies in the development and deployment of AI technologies; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that ATNI establish a task force, operating under the ATNI energy committee or add to the AI Law & Policy Development Initiative to an existing ATNI Task Force (e.g. data centers), to identify common interests of its member Tribes as they relate to Artificial Intelligence (AI) technologies, laws, and policies and propose a plan to engage in outreach and education efforts, and support Tribal consultation with federal, state, and local governments and AI companies on these issues; 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 Annual Convention held at the Snoqualmie Casino and Hotel in Snoqualmie, Washington, on September 13-17, 2026, with a quorum present.


Leonard Forsman, President
Norma Jean Louie, Secretary