



2026 Annual Convention Snoqualmie, Washington

RESOLUTION # 2026 – 051

“SUPPORTING RESPONSIBLE GOVERNANCE OF YOUTH USE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE CHATBOTS IN SCHOOLS AND EDUCATION”

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 ATNI Youth Committee expresses concern that overreliance on artificial intelligence (AI) in education may negatively affect critical thinking, creativity, writing,

motor skills, learning strategies, traditional teaching practices, cultural transmission, language revitalization, and relationships with Indigenous knowledge keepers, educators, parents, and Elders; and

WHEREAS, many AI chatbots rely on language models that are trained on collections of digital content that may contain inaccurate, biased, culturally inappropriate, or unreliable information and not inherently designed to reflect educational best practices and Indigenous knowledge practices; and

WHEREAS, the ATNI Youth Committee expresses concern that AI chatbots can create misleading information, and that AI-generated digital content may make it more difficult for Tribal youth to verify the accuracy, authenticity, and reliability of information; and

WHEREAS, Tribal youth further emphasized that the use of AI chatbots should not replace human relationships, cultural teachings, or Indigenous values, and that Tribal schools serving Native youth must carefully consider the long-term effects of AI use on critical thinking, learning, and future generations; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that ATNI urges both Tribal and Public Schools to exercise caution and establish strong ethical safeguards governing the use of artificial intelligence (AI) in Tribal educational systems; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that ATNI supports policies in Tribal and public Schools that ensure AI supplements rather than replaces critical thinking, traditional learning, cultural education, language revitalization, Indigenous educators, Elders, and human relationships in educational settings; and

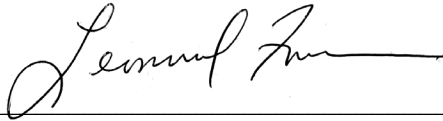
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that ATNI supports the ATNI Youth Committee in collaborating to compile a resource packet focused on protecting and strengthening critical thinking skills in K-12 Tribal and public education; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that ATNI urges State and Federal Governments to consult with Tribes in creating stronger safeguards to protect American Indian/ Alaska Native youth from potential harms associated with the use of AI in schools; and

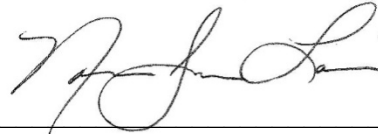
BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this will be the policy of ATNI until it is withdrawn or modified by subsequent resolution(s).

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