



2014 Mid-Year Convention Grand Mound, WA

RESOLUTION #14 - 23

“BILLY FRANK, JR. SCHOLARSHIP FUND”

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, Executive Orders, 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 to promote the welfare of the Indian people, do hereby establish and submit the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians (ATNI) are representatives of and advocates for national, regional, and specific tribal concerns; and

WHEREAS, ATNI is a regional organization comprised of American Indians/Alaska Natives and tribes 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 the ATNI; and

WHEREAS, since the early beginnings of ATNI’s history, northwest tribes have been blessed with visionary, bold and decisive tribal leaders who were staunch supporters of the inherent rights and sovereignty of Indian people and tribes; and

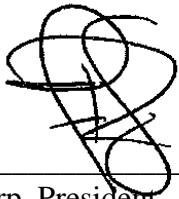
WHEREAS, Billy Frank, Jr. was blessed with the gift of recalling his childhood teachings of his parents and elders who transmitted the oral history, knowledge and respect of the salmon, environment and life cycle of mother earth; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the life of Billy Frank, Jr., the ATNI will honor his legacy in Indian Country, regional and international level with a scholarship fund-raising initiative during the Spring ATNI Conference in 2015; now

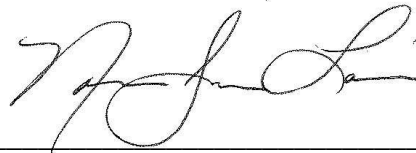
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that ATNI does hereby urge ATNI members, businesses and individuals to contribute to the development of a Billy Frank, Jr. Scholarship Fund to recognize and honor student(s) who embody the vision, values and mission of this honored leader in Indian Country.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 2014 Mid-Year Convention of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, held at Great Wolf Lodge, Grand Mound, Washington, on May 5 – 8, 2014 with a quorum present.



Fawn Sharp, President



Norma Jean Louie, Secretary