

**ATNI Annual 2025 Convention**

**Suquamish, Washington**

**RESOLUTION # 2025 –** **DRFT-12**

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“Opposition to Operation of the Northwest ICE Processing Center”

**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,** the 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,** creating opportunities for Indian Nations, preservation of tribal sovereignty and protection of cultural and natural resources are primary goals and objectives of ATNI; and

**WHEREAS,** The original lands of the Puyallup people have been stolen and sold since the Medicine Creek Treaty of 1854; and

**WHEREAS,** The United States government acknowledged the injustice of the original treaty and subsequent allotment purchases in the Land Claims Settlement of 1990; and

**WHEREAS,** The Puyallup Tribe of Indians maintains legal right to the protection and preservation of its traditional fishing locations; and

**WHEREAS,** the tideflats at the mouth of the Puyallup river represent a vital part of the ecosystem supporting salmon, shellfish and other important foodways; and

**WHEREAS,** The Northwest ICE Processing Center, also known as the Northwest Detention Center, is an immigrant detention facility with a capacity of over 1,500, currently located on the tideflats at the mouth of the Puyallup river; and

**WHEREAS,** The Northwest ICE Processing Center is harmful to the environment and prevents rehabilitation of important tideland ; and

**WHEREAS,** The contract between ICE and GEO Group which dictates the terms of the Northwest ICE Processing Center’s operation expires on September 28, 2025; and

**WHEREAS,** ICE and GEO Group are expected to extend the existing contract or sign a new contract to maintain operation of the Northwest ICE Processing Center; and

**WHEREAS,** the Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida filed a lawsuit alongside other plaintiffs to stop the unpermitted construction of The South Florida Detention Facility, colloquially known as “Alligator Alcatraz,” adjacent to ten traditional Miccosukee villages, on public lands seized by emergency order; and

**WHEREAS,** the Northwest ICE Processing Center is located less than a mile from the Puyallup Reservation; now

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that ATNI formally opposes the extension of the current contract or signing of a new contract to maintain operation of the Northwest ICE Processing Center; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that ATNI formally opposes the opening of new ICE detention centers within the Tacoma Tideflats Subarea; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED,** that this will be the policy of ATNI until it is withdrawn or modified by subsequent resolutions.

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**CERTIFICATION**

The foregoing Resolution was adopted at the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians 2025 Annual Convention held at the Suquamish Clearwater Casino Resort in Suquamish, Washington on October 12-16, 2025, with a quorum present.

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