

2019 Paddle to Lummi Tribal Canoe Journey

Sqweshenet Tse Schelangen ~ Honoring Our Way of Life

Proclamation

WHEREAS: We gather to honor the First Peoples of these lands and these waters.

WHEREAS: Tribal canoes have traveled the traditional highways of their ancestors to Lummi Nation for a five-day celebration, July 24-28, 2019, journeying from the Pacific Ocean, the waters of British Columbia, and the Salish Sea.

Honoring

WHEREAS: Upon these waters and land, the Coast Salish world of the Pacific Northwest is woven together, since time immemorial with the cedar, salmon, whale, and eagle.

WHEREAS: This is a magnificent opportunity for all people to experience, preserve, and honor the ancestry and traditions of the Coast Salish way of life.

The First Inhabitants

WHEREAS: Tribal Canoe Journeys are a vital and historic event, culturally enriching to all, while contributing powerfully to the "Spirit of Place."

WHEREAS: Tribal Canoe Journeys are a journey of healing, hope, honor and hospitality.

WHEREAS: Relationships are strengthened, family ties are renewed, and all ages gather together building communities in a good way.

of these Lands

WHEREAS: The spirit of friendship, honor, and goodwill between all Nations is a gift we can give the next Seven Generations.

WHEREAS: This is an opportunity for communities, neighbors and supporters of Tribal Canoe Journey to touch each other's lives.

and these Waters

THEREFORE, be it resolved that we, the undersigned, honor and acknowledge the 2019 Paddle to Lummi Tribal Canoe Journey.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that through this proclamation we celebrate the First Peoples' traditions and cultures, honoring them as the first inhabitants of these lands and these waters:




Jack Louws ~ County Executive, Whatcom County



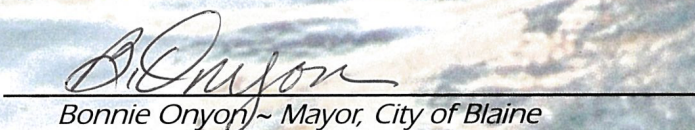
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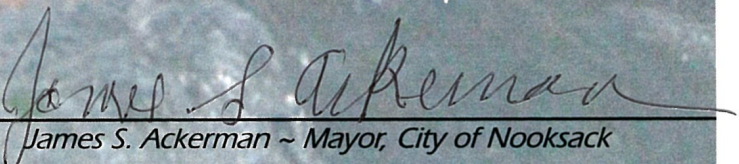
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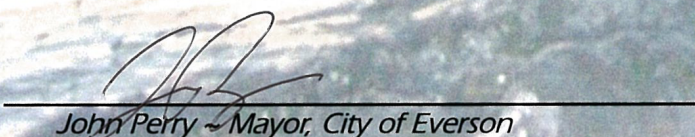
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