

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 8410

55th Legislature
1997 Regular Session

Adopted by the Senate March 31, 1997

CERTIFICATE

President of the Senate

Passed by the House April 14, 1997
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I, Mike O Connell, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 8410** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

**Speaker of the
House of Representatives**

Approved

Secretary

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Governor of the State of Washington

**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

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By Senators Horn, Rossi, Johnson, McDonald, Winsley, Rasmussen and Swecker

Read first time 03/31/97.

1 WHEREAS, At 6:00 a.m. on the morning of July 17, 1897, the *S.S.*
2 *Portland* steamed into Seattle from St. Michael, Alaska, through Puget
3 Sound with more than a ton of gold on board; and

4 WHEREAS, News of gold in Canada's Yukon captured the imagination of
5 the world turning a sleepy frontier town on Puget Sound into the
6 "gateway to the Klondike" making it, for the time, the liveliest town
7 in America; and

8 WHEREAS, The city of Seattle and the surrounding region owe their
9 growth to the gold rush fever brought on by the Klondike gold rush of
10 1897-1898 which brought tens of thousands of people to the far north
11 corner of the United States; and

12 WHEREAS, On July 19, 1997, the *Spirit of '98* will reenact the
13 arrival of the *S.S. Portland* one hundred years and two days after the
14 original landing, an effort begun two years ago by the board of
15 directors of the Klondike Centennial Committee of Washington, together
16 with the Klondike Centennial Committee of Alaska, the Office of the
17 Secretary of State, the Seattle Chamber of Commerce, and private
18 business who are also working on a variety of other events and
19 activities; and

20 WHEREAS, The Klondike Centennial celebration activities are being
21 coordinated by the Klondike Centennial Committees of Alaska, British

1 Columbia, the Yukon, and Washington to ensure the recognition of a
2 significant event in the history of the United States and Canada;

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Senate of the state of
4 Washington, the House of Representatives concurring, That "The Rush is
5 On," and, in honor of our forbearers, pioneers whose toughness,
6 tenacity, and spirit of adventure have come to characterize the
7 Evergreen State, the year commencing July 1997, is proclaimed the
8 "Klondike Gold Rush Centennial Year"; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
10 immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to the Office of
11 the Secretary of State, the Klondike Centennial Committee of
12 Washington, the Seattle Chamber of Commerce, and each of the Klondike
13 Centennial Committees of Alaska, British Columbia, and the Yukon.

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