

SENATE RESOLUTION
8646

By Senators Haugen, Becker, Hargrove, Stevens, Kilmer, Hatfield, Rockefeller, Litzow, McAuliffe, Prentice, Fraser, Chase, Eide, Kastama, Tom, Nelson, Harper, Pridemore, Keiser, Conway, Kohl-Welles, Swecker, King, Morton, and White

WHEREAS, Camp Fire USA was founded by Charlotte and Dr. Luther Gulick in 1910 as Camp Fire Girls, and was the first nonsectarian, interracial organization for girls in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Based on a commitment to the entire family, membership in Camp Fire USA was expanded to include boys in 1975; and

WHEREAS, Camp Fire USA celebrated 100 years of building caring, confident youth and future leaders in 2010; and

WHEREAS, Camp Fire USA's motto since 1910 has been, "Give Service"; and

WHEREAS, Camp Fire USA welcomes all children, youth, and adults regardless of race, religion, socioeconomic status, disability, sexual orientation, or other aspect of diversity; and

WHEREAS, Camp Fire USA promotes effective youth development that builds assets and empowers individuals through small groups where children and youth are actively involved in creating their own learning; and

WHEREAS, Camp Fire USA provides safe, fun, and nurturing environments for children and youth, providing opportunities for boys, girls, and families to develop together; and

WHEREAS, Camp Fire USA has programs delivered in schools, camps, housing developments, neighborhood centers, and transitional housing shelters; and

WHEREAS, Camp Fire USA challenges parents and youth to build character, adopt strong values, develop positive life skills, and exercise responsibility to family and community; and

WHEREAS, Camp Fire USA Councils serve communities all over the state; and

WHEREAS, Over thirty-eight thousand Washington youth participated in Camp Fire USA last year; and

WHEREAS, Each youth attended over four programs or events last year, on average, resulting in over two million hours of youth participation in Camp Fire USA;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate salute the Camp Fire USA Councils of Washington for celebrating 100 years; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Senate commend the leaders and volunteers of each of the eight Washington Camp Fire USA Councils for their continued dedication and commitment to the youth of Washington; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to the eight Washington Camp Fire USA Councils and the Camp Fire USA National Headquarters.

I, Thomas Hoemann, Secretary of the Senate,
do hereby certify that this is a true and
correct copy of Senate Resolution 8646,
adopted by the Senate
April 8, 2011

THOMAS HOEMANN
Secretary of the Senate