SENATE RESOLUTION 8664

By Senators Prentice, Chase, Kline, Ranker, Regala, Hatfield, Hobbs, Conway, Fraser, Hargrove, Fain, Kohl-Welles, and Roach

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, The Indigenous people of the lands later known as the Americas existed long before Christopher Columbus sailed in 1492; and

WHEREAS, A true and accurate account of the native population of the Northwest lands is necessary to clarify the historical record and acknowledge the culture, language, traditions, and daily life customs of Washington's Indigenous inhabitants; and

WHEREAS, Having the citizens of our state and nation recognize and celebrate the heritage of Indigenous peoples respects their history and unites all peoples together;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate recognize and remember the Indigenous peoples who have contributed greatly to both the State of Washington and the United States of America; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians.

I, Thomas Hoemann, Secretary of the Senate, do hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of Senate Resolution 8664, adopted by the Senate February 27, 2012

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