The State of Washington

Proclamation

In 1989, federally recognized tribes in Washington State, and the state of Washington signed the landmark Centennial Accord. The Accord reflected the signatories' mutual commitment to implement a government-to-government relationship that: acknowledges and respects the sovereignty of the participating governments, enhances and improves communication, and fosters and facilitates the achievement of mutual goals.

Ten years later, the signatories gathered to assess their progress and refine their course. Born from that gathering was the New Millennium Agreement. The New Millennium Agreement strengthened the foundation of the state-tribal relationship, and developed the process, protocols, and action plans that more fully institutionalized the government-to-government relationship. The signatories to the New Millennium Agreement resolved to move forward into the new millennium with "positive and constructive tribal/state relations."

Now, one hundred and fifty years after the signing of the Stevens Treaties, after the signing of federal executive orders that recognize certain tribal nations, and on the dawn of a new administration, the Governor intends to: reaffirm the government-to-government relationship established in the Centennial Accord and the Out-of-State Accord; recommit to the principles and resolutions of the New Millennium Agreement, and renew the resolve to move forward into the new millennium with positive and constructive relationships with Tribes outside of the state with treaty reserved rights in the state, and all of the federally recognized Tribes in Washington.

THEREFORE, I, Christine O. Gregoire, Governor of the state of Washington, now proclaim that the state of Washington: *R*eaffirms the government-to-government relationship between the State and federally recognized Indian Tribes in Washington and those located outside of the state with treaty reserved rights in the state, *R*ecommits to the principles and resolutions of the New Millennium Agreement, and *R*esolves to move forward with the federally recognized Tribes in a positive and constructive relationship that will help us fairly and effectively resolve any differences to achieve our mutual goals.

Signed this 28th day of April, 2005

Christine Gregoire

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