PORT ANGELES SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 121

Clallam County, Washington

PROCLAMATION

Tribal Calendar Days

WHEREAS, the Port Angeles School District recognizes the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe is a Sovereign Nation who values its ancestors, elders, children and all members; and

WHEREAS, the Port Angeles School District recognizes the importance of honoring indigenous history, traditions, languages, and cultures of Indigenous people in the district, local area, State of Washington, United States, and around the world; and

WHEREAS, the Port Angeles School District joins The Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe in celebration and recognition of its Klallam history, traditions, languages, and cultures; and

WHEREAS, the Port Angeles School District will recognize and honor the following dates to join the larger movement to see a more complete, respectful, and accurate history of indigenous people in our educational systems and overall society; and

WHEREAS, the Port Angeles School District is committed to acknowledging The Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe and all Native American peoples' commitment to remembering their past, honoring their ancestors, and preserving and revitalizing their culture and heritage which have sustained them since time immemorial as Indigenous Klallam Tribal people; and

WHEREAS, the Port Angeles School District is committed to work in consultation with The Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe to provide education to staff, families, and students on the Klallam people and all Native indigenous people in the State of Washington and United States, further advancing classes like taught at the Port Angeles High School, Native American Studies: Washington State Tribes and United State History from the Native Perspective; and

WHEREAS, the Port Angeles School District is committed to bring forth and advocate for truth, reconciliation and healing for indigenous communities by accurately and truthfully sharing their story with the expertise of Klallam/Native educators working in the School District and the Tribe as part of its Memorandum of Understanding;

THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, the Port Angeles School District hereby proclaims the following Tribal Calendar Days to be recognized by the Port Angeles School District as respected days to be honored among all staff and students of the Port Angeles School District.

- Treaty Day January 26th
- Proclamation Day Billy Frank Jr. March 9th
- Native American Day (Always second Monday of May)
- Missing and Murdered Indigenous Person Awareness Day May 5th
- Orange Shirt Day (Residential Boarding School) September 30th
- Indigenous People's Day (Always second Monday of October)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED, that the Port Angeles School District strongly encourages our staff and community to observe these dates and to recognize the importance of indigenous peoples, history, traditions, cultures, and languages which have thrived and lived here since time immemorial.

Proclaimed this 9th day of December, 2021.

PORT ANGELES SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 121 CLALLAM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

President and Director

Vice President and Director

Director

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Directo

ATTEST:

Secretary to the Board of Directors