



Sammamish, Washington Proclamation Snoqualmie Tribe Ancestral Lands June 2021



WHEREAS the Snoqualmie Tribe as a sovereign tribal nation signed the Treaty of Point Elliott on January 22, 1855. By signing this Treaty, the United States government affirmed and recognized the Snoqualmie's inalienable, inherent status as a separate sovereign nation that has existed since time immemorial. In return for extensive concessions by the Snoqualmie People, the United States recognized and promised to respect and protect the Snoqualmie Tribe's reserved rights, including the ability to fish, hunt, and gather in their ancestral homelands as they had done for thousands of years before.

WHEREAS the Snoqualmie Tribe has launched the Ancestral Lands Movement, where through education and awareness individuals can integrate land acknowledgement and respect for the Snoqualmie Tribe into their recreational practices and experiences. The Ancestral Lands Movement seeks to spread awareness of the Snoqualmie people who have lived in the southern Salish Sea region since time immemorial and share the significance of these lands and provide information on how people can help the Tribe in respecting, restoring, and protecting these lands.

WHEREAS the Salish Sea region has grown in population, the Snoqualmie Tribe's ancestral lands have been heavily impacted by recreation. This impact is especially apparent at the popular trails in the Snoqualmie corridor area, where increased visitation has resulted in a degradation of the land.

WHEREAS the Snoqualmie Tribe and the City of Sammamish have developed an enduring partnership in setting up the Eastside's only community-based mass vaccination site, along the City of Issaquah and Eastside Fire & Rescue. The Snoqualmie Tribe Vaccine Partnership would not have been made possible without the Snoqualmie Tribe. By supplying the life-saving Moderna vaccines for the site, the Snoqualmie Tribe exercised sovereignty through their Tribal values by caring for the people and communities living on their ancestral lands during the COVID-19 pandemic.

THEREFORE, the City of Sammamish has pledged to support the Snoqualmie's Tribe Ancestral Lands Movement as a city partner by acknowledging that we are on the Indigenous Land of Coast Salish peoples who have reserved treaty rights to this land. The City of Sammamish thanks the Snoqualmie Tribe, caretakers of this land who have lived and continue to live here since time immemorial.

THEREFORE, the City of Sammamish commits to leveraging its communication platforms to partner with the Snoqualmie Tribe to educate and drive awareness around the Snoqualmie Tribe Ancestral Lands Movement. The City of Sammamish urges its residents and neighbors to practice respect for the Snoqualmie Tribe's ancestral lands by helping to protect and restore these lands for generations to come.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Karen Moran, Mayor of Sammamish, WA, on behalf of the Sammamish City Council acknowledge that the City of Sammamish is proud to be a city partner to the Snoqualmie Tribe Ancestral Lands Movement.


Mayor Karen Moran


Date

