

TRIBAL HISTORY AND CULTURE PROJECT

Sample resolution

WHEREAS, the Centennial and Millennium Accords between the state of Washington and Tribal Leaders affirms the importance of educating the citizens of our state, particularly the youth who are our future leaders, about Tribal history, culture, treaty rights, contemporary Tribal and state government institutions and relations, and the contributions of Indian nations to the state of Washington; and

WHEREAS, Washington's Legislature has determined there is a need for accurate, complete and relevant curricula regarding the history, culture and government of Tribal nations in Washington; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has declared that Indian students will be more engaged by such curricula, and that all students will be enriched by learning about the experiences, contributions and perspectives of their Tribal neighbors, fellow citizens and classmates; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has further declared that enhanced curricula may assist in eliminating the academic achievement gap between Indian and other students; and

WHEREAS, SHB 1495 encourages school boards and Tribal councils to establish collaborative government-to-government relationships to create local and regional curricula about Tribal history and culture, and to identify strategies to close the achievement gap; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the _____ School District is committed to closing the academic achievement gap for all students; and

WHEREAS, the _____ School District Board of Directors is dedicated to ensuring all students have a deeper understanding of Tribal history, culture and government in the community, the region and the state; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the _____ School District Board of Directors pledges to work collaboratively with the _____ Tribal Council to establish curriculum that includes tribal experiences and perspectives, so that all students learn about the history, culture, government, and experiences of their Indian peers and neighbors

Signed, this _____ *day of* _____, 201__.

President

Attest: _____

Directors