

~PROCLAMATION~

WHEREAS, the Mayor of Battle Ground, Washington is pleased to recognize the Cowlitz Indian Tribe;

WHEREAS, the Cowlitz Indian Tribe is a sovereign American Indian government, composed of multiple bands and family groups, living on their aboriginal landscape for thousands of years in what has become southwest Washington State; and

WHEREAS, The Cowlitz Indian Tribe has a culture rich in tradition and heritage that has been handed down, one generation to the next; they have maintained their sense of community until the present day, despite tremendous challenge and trials, and

WHEREAS, the Cowlitz Indian Tribe enjoys government-to-government relations with the United States of America, the State of Washington, and the city of Battle Ground; and

WHEREAS, the Cowlitz Indian Tribe was officially acknowledged by the United States Federal Government on February 14, 2000; and

WHEREAS, members of the Cowlitz Indian Tribe have faithfully served in the military branches of the armed forces, and defended the United States in World War I, World War II, Korean War, Vietnam War, and the Gulf War, and the Tribe honors the many veterans who served; and

WHEREAS, members of the Cowlitz Indian Tribe continue to serve the region and local communities as police officers, teachers, ministers and nurses, and many other occupations that speak to integrity and ethics in service to others and fidelity to this place.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Mayor of the city of Battle Ground, Washington State, in the United States of America, recognizes the sovereign government of the Cowlitz Indian Tribe and commends it on its many valuable contributions to this country, state and city; and

PROCLAIMED, that a copy of this proclamation be prepared for the Tribe as an expression of highest esteem from the city of Battle Ground, Washington.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Battle Ground to be affixed this 4th day of March 2019.

Mayor Mike Dalesandro