

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.2003-4662, by Representatives Chase, Santos and McCoy

WHEREAS, The Wenatchi Tribe was one of the four tribes led by Chief Moses to the Colville Reservation; and

WHEREAS, The Wenatchis were party to the 1855 Walla Walla Treaty which guaranteed the tribe fishing, hunting, and gathering rights; and

WHEREAS, Article 10 of the 1855 Treaty authorized a reservation of approximately 20,000 acres for the Wenatchis near the mouth of the Icicle River; and

WHEREAS, The United States Senate ratified the treaty on March 8, 1859; and

WHEREAS, Today the Wenatchi Tribe is one of the twelve aboriginal tribes of the Colville Confederated Tribes on the Colville Indian Reservation located in the state of Washington; and

WHEREAS, The Colville Confederated Tribes have been widely recognized for their stewardship of forest lands; and

WHEREAS, The Wenatchi Tribe has worked tirelessly with other local governments to improve the quality of life and the economic vitality of the Colville area; and

WHEREAS, The tribal government has contributed tens of thousands of dollars for charities, disasters, and other emergencies throughout the region; and

WHEREAS, When the state couldn't afford to operate the Colville Fish Hatchery in 1998 and 1999, the Colville Tribes paid to keep it open; and

WHEREAS, Wenatchi leaders have worked throughout the twentieth century for recognition of their rights and reservation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State House of Representatives hereby honor the Wenatchi Tribe for their stewardship of the land, their dedication to their heritage, and their tireless efforts to preserve their history and their culture.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of  
Resolution 4662 adopted by the House of Representatives  
April 25, 2003

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Cynthia Zehnder, Chief Clerk