

SENATE RESOLUTION

8616

By Senators Ericksen, Carlyle, Bailey, Liias, Van De Wege, Keiser, Takko, Hunt, Braun, Randall, Wagoner, Rivers, Walsh, Cleveland, Wilson, L., Pedersen, Brown, Hawkins, and Dhingra

1       WHEREAS, The Washington State commercial fishing fleet will set  
2 off for the waters of the Pacific in May of 2019; and

3       WHEREAS, The Blessing of the Fleet will happen in Blaine Harbor  
4 on May 5, 2019; and

5       WHEREAS, The commercial and tribal fishing industries have long  
6 been cornerstones of the state, and is essential to the economic  
7 prosperity of many Washingtonian families; and

8       WHEREAS, The courageous fishers on the treacherous seas, who risk  
9 life and limb to provide us the necessities we take for granted,  
10 deserve our utmost respect and gratitude; and

11       WHEREAS, The dangers of the sea all too often steal the lives of  
12 the brave men and women who voluntarily risk it all for our benefit;  
13 and

14       WHEREAS, The heartbreak of losing our beloved friends and  
15 neighbors on the high seas impact not only the families of those we  
16 lose, but also our entire state;

17       NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate  
18 extend its condolences to the families and friends of all our fishers  
19 who have lost their lives at sea, wish the entire commercial fishing  
20 fleet a safe and prosperous season, and express its hope that all of  
21 our fishers will return home safely to their families, friends, and  
22 communities.

1 I, Brad Hendrickson, Secretary of the Senate,  
2 do hereby certify that this is a true and  
3 correct copy of Senate Resolution 8616,  
4 adopted by the Senate  
5 February 12, 2019

6 BRAD HENDRICKSON  
7 Secretary of the Senate