

SENATE RESOLUTION

8690

By Senators J. Wilson, Boehnke, Christian, Hasegawa, Holy, Lovelett, Lovick, Nobles, Wellman, and Dhingra

1 WHEREAS, The ancestral homeland of the Chinook Tribal Nation lies
2 along the lower Columbia river and Pacific coast of southwest
3 Washington state, and the area remains a center of culture and
4 community for tribal members; and

5 WHEREAS, The traditional Chinook territories throughout southwest
6 Washington encompass lands and waterways crucial to the history and
7 development of the Pacific Northwest, and which remain central to our
8 identity as a state today; and

9 WHEREAS, The Chinook tribes controlled trading networks and the
10 transportation corridor at the mouth of the Columbia during the
11 period of European exploration. They engaged in peaceful trade with
12 visiting sailing vessels, and provided assistance that proved crucial
13 to the survival of Merriwether Lewis, William Clark, and their party
14 as they wintered near Astoria in 1805 and 1806; and

15 WHEREAS, The Chinook people have been a force for peace in the
16 region, gaining influence through diplomacy and relationship building
17 rather than through conflict, violence, and conquest; and

18 WHEREAS, The civic life of the Chinook Tribal Nation has been
19 guided by principles that include alliance building, cooperation, and
20 cultural exchange; and

21 WHEREAS, The Chinook Tribal Nation continues to live by its core
22 values of peace, respect and collaboration, strengthening our

1 communities, informing our governance, and making meaningful
2 contributions to our society as a whole; and

3 WHEREAS, The Chinook Tribal Nation is a valued component of
4 the southwest Washington community, strengthening the social
5 fabric and well-being of the region through its presence; and

6 WHEREAS, The enduring presence of the Chinook Tribal Nation
7 demonstrates its resilience, strength, and purpose;

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington state
9 Senate recognize the importance of the Chinook Tribal Nation in
10 the development of our region, and its present day contribution
11 to the civic, cultural, and economic life of the state of
12 Washington.

13 I, Sarah Bannister, Secretary of the Senate,
14 do hereby certify that this is a true and
15 correct copy of Senate Resolution 8690,
16 adopted by the Senate
17 March 9, 2026

18 SARAH BANNISTER
19 Secretary of the Senate