

Treaty Day Resolution

(adopted 5/2/2020)

Whereas, On January 22, 1855, the United States of America entered into a solemn agreement with the Lummi Nation. On that day, representatives from **sovereign** nations came together in Mukilteo and made promises to one another about how they would share the land and resources of this region. The agreement they signed is called the Point Elliott **Treaty**, and;

Whereas, Treaty Day is an important part of ALL of our history it is consequently not only a Lummi Nation event. Every one of us including our pioneer ancestors who lives in this region has benefited from the resources and land that the Lummi ancestors have held since time immemorial. All Washingtonians are Treaty people and we would not be a state without the Treaty, and;

Whereas, The people of the Nooksack are not fully recognized by the federal government and continue to work towards federal recognition and have maintained and cared for the lands of the Nooksack since time immemorial, and;

Whereas, our traditional history textbooks have ignored or downplayed this important aspect of our shared heritage; we must work together to develop lessons we can use to teach our students the meaning of Treaty Day;

Therefore, Be it Resolved

That, On January 22, 2021, 42nd LD Democrats will honor Treaty Day along with the Ferndale School District and others, and

That, we encourage Bellingham, Meridian, Lynden, Blaine, Nooksack, and Mt Baker school districts to follow Ferndale School District's good example and adopt an annual Treaty Day observance working closely with the Nooksack and Lummi Tribal communities.