

**The Urban Native Education Alliance  
Native Warrior Athletics and Seattle Clear Sky Council  
Billy Frank Jr. Day Resolution 2020 #0006**

**A RESOLUTION** supporting the designation of March 9th as a day of remembrance, celebration, and recognition in honor of the life, legacy, and achievements of Billy Frank Jr. (Nisqually Nation); and

**WHEREAS**, We, the members of the Urban Native Education Alliance (UNEA), Clear Sky Native Youth Council (Clear Sky) and the Native Warrior Athletics (NWA), invoke the blessings of the Creator in all our efforts and purpose to preserve Indigenous cultural values, and promote the health, safety and the well-being of all Native people; do hereby establish and submit the following resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, UNEA strives to honor America's Indigenous roots, history, achievements, and contributions; and

**WHEREAS**, Billy Frank Jr.'s remarkable leadership, tireless efforts, and dedication to upholding treaty rights led to a historic 'Boldt Decision' legal victory affirming that the United States would honor the promises made in the 1854 Medicine Creek; and

**WHEREAS**, The Medicine Creek Treaty and other Treaties between Tribes and the United States are the "Supreme Law of the Land"; and

**WHEREAS**, Billy Frank Jr. was arrested at the age of 14 for fishing salmon in the Nisqually River and subsequently arrested and cited more than 50 times throughout the "fishing war era" for exercising his treaty protected right to fish for salmon in "usual and accustomed places"; and

**WHEREAS**, In 1974 Judge George Boldt re-affirmed the right of Washington treaty-signatory tribes to take up to one half of the harvestable salmon in western Washington, and established Tribes as co-managers of the salmon resources and habitat; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that UNEA, NWA, and Clear Sky members will educate, advocate, and inform allies and Native communities about the significant and critical role of Billy Frank Jr. in protecting, preserving, restoring, and revitalizing Salmon and our natural environment and waterways; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that UNEA, NWA, and Clear Sky members recognize that Billy Franks Jr.'s legacy and life serves as a guiding light for cross cultural, bipartisan, leadership through collaboration, consultation and bridge building to ensure protection of our natural environment, salmon and cultural lifeways; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that UNEA, NWA, and Clear Sky members stand to remember and acknowledge Billy Frank Jr. for sacrifices, and lifelong steadfast commitment to protect, practice and enforce Treaty Rights; Tribal Sovereignty, and Self- determination for all tribal people and communities; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that UNEA, NWA, and Clear Sky members observe and acknowledge March 9th as a day of celebration, remembrance and recognition of Billy Franks Jr.'s life, work, and legacy.

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