

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the late Billy Frank, Jr., tribal treaty rights activist, Nisqually Tribal member, and longtime chairman of the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission dedicated his life to the protection of Indian treaty rights, environmental preservation and salmon recovery; and

WHEREAS, tribes, tribal entities, family and friends will gather at the Nisqually Youth Center to celebrate and honor the life and legacy of Billy Frank, Jr. on March 9th, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Billy Frank, Jr., a champion for social justice, helped pave the way for the Boldt decision, which upheld the federally recognized tribes the legal right to fish as they always had and co-manage with the State of Washington; and

WHEREAS, Billy Frank, Jr.'s tireless advocacy for treaty rights and environmental stewardship, despite challenges and injustice, remind us that through strength, endurance, and perseverance, we are all capable of creating a better future for all; and

WHEREAS, Billy Frank, Jr.'s commitment to serving others, his courage to stand up for what is right, and his love and passion for the environment and salmon will continue to be an inspiration now and for generations to come;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the State of Washington, do hereby proclaim March 9th, 2016 as

Billy Frank, Jr. Day

in Washington, and I urge all people in our state to join me in this special observance.



Signed this 2nd day of March, 2016

Governor Jay Inslee