



**Ancestral Lands
PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, the Snoqualmie Indian Tribe, as a Sovereign Tribal Nation, signed the Treaty of Point Elliott on January 22, 1855. By signing this Treaty, the United States government affirmed and recognized the Snoqualmie's inalienable, inherent status as a separate sovereign nation that has existed since time immemorial. In return for extensive concessions by the Snoqualmie people, the United States recognized and promised to respect and protect the Snoqualmie Indian Tribe's reserved rights, including the ability to fish, hunt, and gather in their ancestral homelands as they had done for thousands of years before.

WHEREAS, the Snoqualmie Indian Tribe has launched the Ancestral Lands Movement, where through education and awareness, an individual can integrate land acknowledgement and respect for the Snoqualmie Indian Tribe into their recreational practices and experiences. The Ancestral Land Movement seeks to spread awareness of the Snoqualmie people who have lived in the southern Salish Sea region since time immemorial, for as long as the earth and waters remember, and share the significance of this land and provide information on how people can help the Tribe in respecting, restoring, and protecting these lands.

WHEREAS, the Salish Sea region has grown in population, the Snoqualmie Indian Tribe's ancestral lands have been heavily impacted by recreation. Tribal resources impacted by outdoor recreation include the ancestral lands of all Washington tribes including sacred sites which have spiritual, ceremonial, and traditional significance. Tribal resources also include wildlife, fisheries, and flora species throughout Washington, which all hold special tribal significance.

WHEREAS, the City of Redmond has pledged to support the Snoqualmie Tribe's Ancestral Lands Movement as a city partner by acknowledging that we are on the Indigenous Land of Coast Salish peoples who have reserved treaty rights to this land. The City of Redmond is grateful to the Snoqualmie Indian Tribe, who have an intimate knowledge and expertise in stewardship of the land.

WHEREAS, the City of Redmond urges its residents and neighbors to practice respect for the Snoqualmie Indian Tribe's ancestral lands by helping protect and restore these lands for generations to come.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ANGELA BIRNEY, I, Mayor of the City of Redmond, Washington, on behalf of the Redmond City Council acknowledge that the City of Redmond is proud to be a city partner to the Snoqualmie Tribe's Ancestral Land Movement.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Angela Birney".

Angela Birney
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