

# PROCLAMATION

*A Proclamation honoring the life of Snoqualmie Chief Andy de los Angeles for his civil and tribal rights contributions for future generations to come*

WHEREAS, Chief Andres “Andy” Juan de los Angeles, former Chairman of the Snoqualmie Tribe and nationally beloved Indigenous civil rights leader, passed on January 21, 2021; and

WHEREAS, known affectionately as Chief Andy, he was a compassionate and tireless activist who dedicated over a half-century of his life to fighting for the rights of all Tribal Nations, safeguarding their culture and history, and protecting the sacred; and

WHEREAS, the Snoqualmie People will always remember Chief Andy as a pivotal historical figure and an indispensable leader whose incomparable example helped to define what it meant to be a Snoqualmie citizen; and

WHEREAS, Chief Andy’s most passionate crusade was the decades-long, successful fight to force the federal government to re-recognize the Snoqualmie Tribe in 1999 as a sovereign Tribal Nation due to decades of attempted erasure; and

WHEREAS, after this victory Chief Andy continued his advocacy for enshrining legal protections for Tribal cultural resources and for protecting his Tribe’s most sacred ancestral site at Snoqualmie Falls (the Falls) by creating an enormous grassroots movement; and by 2019 Chief Andy lived to see the historic turning point when the Snoqualmie Tribe officially reclaimed their sacred land around the Falls stopping all proposed development that would have further desecrated the sacred site and burial grounds; and

WHEREAS, Chief Andy’s work to protect ancestral sites included direct development of educational programs around archaeology – ultimately teaching the truth of our past to local schools, Tribes, and government entities; and

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WHEREAS, Chief Andy's most recent educational work with the Urban Native Education Alliance led to the first Native American landmark in the City of Seattle where Licton Springs Park received Landmark Preservation status in 2019; and

WHEREAS, Chief Andy served many Tribes and Tribal organizations in their fights for recognition, civil rights, cultural protections, and quality of life, including the Puyallup Tribe, Lummi Nation, the Duwamish Tribe, the Shoshone Bannock Tribes, United Indians of All Tribes Foundation, the Small Tribes Organization of Western Washington, and many others; and

WHEREAS, in addition to defending the rights of Tribal organizations, he also sought to defend the rights of all American peoples by serving as a committee member on the U.S. Commission of Civil Rights (Western Region), and by serving as a union area representative—providing employee representation and in-service training about local Washington State Tribes—for the Washington Federation of State Employees to Seattle Locals 843 and 304; and

WHEREAS, protecting the rights of children was at the core of Chief Andy's career as a social worker, and he would go on to develop and manage several counseling and service programs that not only reached across to groups such as local schools, unions, state department groups, but also where he built data management structures to help these groups into compliance with the Indian Child Welfare Act; and

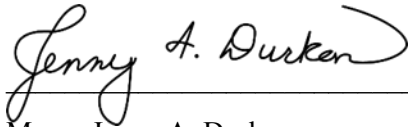
WHEREAS, his passion for protecting civil rights was fostered in his early career work as a Native American journalist, where he cross-managed, produced, and edited for several Native American and local publications and organizations, including Northwest Indian News, Sho-Ban News, Native Visions, Indian Radio News, Indians into Communications Association, and United Indians of All Tribes Foundation; and

WHEREAS, due to his advocacy and civic leadership, his contributions will long outlive this generation, and Chief Andy's kind and unwavering voice for truth and justice will always live on as an inspiration and call to action; and

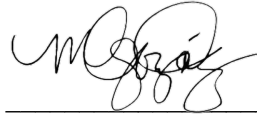
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*NOW, THEREFORE, THE MAYOR AND THE SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL PROCLAIM  
FEBRUARY 15, 2021 AND EVERY YEAR HENCEFORTH ON THE DAY 'FEBRUARY 15' TO  
BE*

## **'Chief Andy Day'**



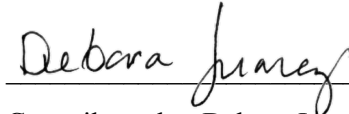
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