

Resolution and Proclamation on Team Names and Images Related to Native Americans

WHEREAS, public schools are places for the exchange of ideas, and for nurturing the democratic ideals of free expression and equal justice for all; and

WHEREAS, the Molalla River School District counts among its primary missions the need to provide equal treatment and opportunity for all students and citizens; and

WHEREAS, the main city, river, school district and schools situated in the southernmost part of Clackamas County, Oregon, are named as an honor and tribute to the "Molalla," the band of original, indigenous inhabitants of this area, which federal law officially calls "Indians" (25 USC); and

WHEREAS, no substantially credible and definitive scientific studies have yet been commissioned and completed by disinterested scientific organizations to confirm a link between discrimination and the general use of all American-Indian-related words and images; and

WHEREAS, American Indian peoples living throughout the United States and within the boundaries of the State of Oregon have proved their belief in the value and respect for Indian-related team names and images by choosing these names and images for their own schools and institutions; and

WHEREAS, federal law officially recognizes the sovereign authority and self-determination of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, which officially recognizes the Molalla as an official band of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Board of Directors of the Molalla River School District does hereby proclaim its support for Senate Bill 215 (as passed April 10, 2013, in the Oregon Senate on a vote of 24-4) and does hereby most strongly and urgently recommend to the Oregon House of Representatives and the Governor immediate passage and adoption of same.

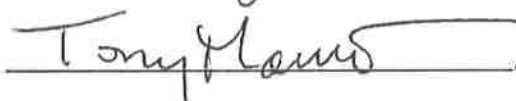
Signed this 13th day of June 2013

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 Board Chair
Signature

Missy Wesley
Printed Name

 Secretary
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Witnessed:  Superintendent