

1 on May 10, 1873, scattering the surviving Modocs into small groups; and

2 Whereas Kintpuash was captured with his family on June 4, 1873, effectively ending Modoc re-
3 sistance; and

4 Whereas Kintpuash and five other Modoc warriors were tried by a federal military court, con-
5 victed and sentenced to death; and

6 Whereas two of the Modocs had their sentences reduced to life imprisonment, but Kintpuash,
7 Schonchin John, Black Jim and Boston Charley were hanged at Fort Klamath on October 3, 1873,
8 the first Indians to be tried and executed by the federal government for war crimes; and

9 Whereas the remaining members of the Modoc tribe, numbering approximately 150, were herded
10 into rail cars and sent as prisoners of war to the Indian Territory (Oklahoma); and

11 Whereas in 1909, after Oklahoma became a state, members of the Modoc Tribe of Oklahoma
12 were offered the opportunity to return to the Klamath Reservation; and

13 Whereas 29 Modocs returned to Oregon, and they and their descendants became part of the
14 Klamath Tribes; and

15 Whereas the Modoc War was at the time the most expensive hostile engagement by the United
16 States during the Indian Wars, both in terms of moneys spent and casualties suffered; and

17 Whereas Lava Beds National Monument preserves many of the battle sites of the Modoc War
18 in addition to portions of the Modoc ancestral lands that are relatively unchanged, including natural
19 features of the landscape, plants and animals; and

20 Whereas a memorial plaque in Gillems Cemetery in Lava Beds National Monument lists the
21 names of all those who died in the Modoc War: United States Army personnel, Modocs and civilians;
22 now, therefore,

23 **Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:**

24 That we, the members of the Eightieth Legislative Assembly, commemorate the Modoc War of
25 1872-1873, and we recognize and honor all those who lost their lives in that costly conflict; and be
26 it further

27 Resolved, That we express our regret over the execution of Kintpuash, Schonchin John, Black
28 Jim and Boston Charley in October 1873 and for the expulsion of the Modoc tribe from their an-
29 cestral lands in Oregon.

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