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Senate Concurrent Resolution 31

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Whereas in 1975, the Legislative Commission on Indian Services (LCIS) was created to advise the Legislative Assembly and other state officials and agencies on the needs of American Indian people in Oregon; and

Whereas LCIS embodies the State of Oregon's commitment to recognize the sovereignty of Oregon's nine federally recognized tribes, the existence of Oregon's American Indian communities and their respective needs; and

Whereas prior to the establishment of LCIS, there was no suitable mechanism in Oregon's state government to consider American Indian concerns directly; and

Whereas when it was established, LCIS was the first state commission of its kind in the nation: a permanent forum for consideration of tribal-state government relations and consultation; and

Whereas LCIS is made up of 13 members who are appointed by each of the federally recognized tribes and confirmed by the Legislative Assembly, and it serves as a vital means of communication between state and tribal governments to inform their respective decision-making processes; and

Whereas LCIS works closely with, and is composed of members representing, Oregon's nine federally recognized tribes: the Burns Paiute Tribe, the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians, the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians, the Coquille Indian Tribe and the Klamath Tribes; and

Whereas LCIS serves as the main forum in which American Indian concerns are considered, as a conduit through which concerns are channeled through the network to the appropriate entity, as a point of access for finding out about state government programs and Indian communities and as a catalyst for bringing about change where change is needed; and

Whereas LCIS holds meetings to familiarize its members with current problems American Indians are facing and to discuss possible solutions, and often LCIS invites representatives of state or federal agencies to discuss their programs as they affect the Indian population in Oregon; and

Whereas LCIS monitors legislation affecting American Indians, both while it is being considered by the Legislative Assembly and after it becomes law, and it presents information to the Legislative Assembly on issues of importance to Indians in Oregon; and

Whereas LCIS actively promotes intergovernmental cooperation and coordination as a means of enhancing the well-being of American Indians in Oregon; and

Whereas in 2025, LCIS will mark its 50th year as a remarkable and groundbreaking public body making essential contributions to the State of Oregon and to Oregon's nine federally recognized tribes; now, therefore,

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

That we, the members of the Eighty-third Legislative Assembly, commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Legislative Commission on Indian Services and we congratulate LCIS on this significant public milestone of service, leadership and contributions to the State of Oregon.

Adopted by Senate May 6, 2025

Obadiah Rutledge, Secretary of Senate

Rob Wagner, President of Senate

Adopted by House June 3, 2025

Julie Fahey, Speaker of House