

Soap Lake Conservancy, President

I, Judith Gorman, President of the Soap Lake Conservancy, am uploading an significant City of Soap Lake Resolution NO. 2016-848. Passed by the City of Soap Lake City Council in 2016. The City of Soap Lake has supported Soap Lake for years before this was thought to be placed in Resolution form. With this Resolution 2016-848 support by the City, the Soap Lake Conservancy and the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation began researching how to protect this amazing, in the world, meromictic mineral lake, since most of it is outside of the city boundaries. We began having fact finding meetings with the Bureau of Reclamation and the Quincy Columbia Basin Irrigation District to education ourselves and after ultimately have researched for and built an amazing web site filled with those facts. (thank you so much Saya!!). This City Council Resolution presented by the Joint City and Soap Lake Conservancy City "The Lake Liaison Committee" was an attempt to get the knowledge that Soap Lake Conservancy had gathered over the last almost 25 years to be shared with others and especially considered by the City Council when making decisions for the City of Soap Lake. This Resolution NO. 2016-848 was one of the steps along the way... and it passed the City Council unanimously. Wouldn't it be wonderful if each government entity had similar resolutions for their specific treasured lands and waters so they would be here for our grandchildren-grandchildren.?

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RESOLUTION NO. 2016 - 848

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE LAKE LIAISON COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDATIONS

Recitals:


1. The Soap Lake Conservancy and City of Soap Lake Joint Liaison Strategic Planning Committee shall be hereafter referred to as Lake Liaison Committee and made up of Citizens of the Soap Lake area.
2. The Lake Liaison Committee has actively involved the entire community of Soap Lake to seek input regarding the needs and direction for the preservation of the body of water known as Soap Lake.
3. The Lake Liaison Committee recognizes the support from City of Soap Lake will help lay the foundation for maintaining the historic and current benefits of the lake for future generations.

Resolved: The City of Soap Lake

1. does hereby recognize the value, vision, missions, and actions of protecting, preserving, and restoring our land-locked mineral water lake as a unique ecosystem and natural treasure that is important to our community's health and welfare.
2. recognizes this unique naturally formed meromictic lake, Soap Lake, has been at the core of the historical vitality of our community for over a hundred years.
3. recognizes the significance of Soap Lake in the history of First Nation Peoples and their communities.
4. seeks to offer the potential for this same depth and draw for future generations, as not only a family centered and anchored community, but a community of healing vitality for visitors, by supporting the health of our unique lake ecosystem – our mineral rich Soap Lake.
5. acknowledge the importance of partnership coalitions with other organizations as an efficient and effective source of support, as well as other actions which may support the intent of this resolution both now and as we step into the future.
6. Recognizes sustainable ecosystems require equilibrium. Research shows the waters and mud layers of Soap Lake indicate the lake is not in equilibrium. Immediate action is required to maintain and restore our mineral lake ecosystem.
7. Acknowledge the importance of our actively working with Federal, State, County, City, and Municipal entities and their agencies, as well as public organizations,

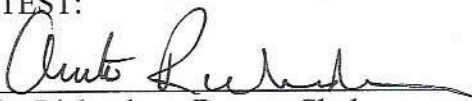
businesses, and individuals so as to implement this resolution and re-establish the equilibrium of our meromictic lake ecosystem.

8. ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Soap Lake, Washington, this 7th day of December, 2016



Raymond Gravelle, Mayor

ATTEST:



Anita Richardson, Deputy Clerk