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## Senate Joint Resolution 12

Sponsored by Senators BROWN, FERRIOLI

Whereas in June 1855, Joel Palmer, Superintendent of Indian Affairs for the Oregon Territory, and leaders of the Wasco and Warm Springs Tribes negotiated an agreement between sovereign nations known as the Treaty with the Tribes of Middle Oregon; and

Whereas the 1855 treaty confirmed the tribes' rights to the Warm Springs Reservation and rights to fish, hunt, gather and graze stock on unoccupied lands ceded to the United States of America, and to fish at usual and accustomed fishing stations within and without the ceded area; and

Whereas the 1855 treaty ceded some 10 million acres of the tribes' land, from the Cascade Falls to the summit of the Blue Mountains, allowing the legal settlement of central Oregon and the development of the Cities of Bend, Cascade Locks, Hood River, John Day, Madras, Prineville, and The Dalles, among others; and

Whereas the ceded area includes the Counties of Hood River, Wasco, Sherman, Gilliam, Jefferson, Crook, Wheeler and Deschutes and portions of the Counties of Clackamas, Marion, Morrow and Grant; and

Whereas this crucial and historic agreement is still in force, preserving the rights of these original peoples of Oregon not expressly surrendered, to live according to *supsequat tchumptki*, the wisdom and teachings of the Earth, including the right to fish at usual and accustomed fishing stations and the right to hunt, gather and graze stock on unoccupied lands; and

Whereas a sesquicentennial celebration of the Treaty with the Tribes of Middle Oregon is most fitting as the treaty forms the basis for the good relations now enjoyed between the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon and the State of Oregon and the basis for title to land in most of central Oregon; and

Whereas the sesquicentennial of the 1855 treaty falls on June 25, coinciding with the bicentennial of the arrival of Lewis and Clark in the Oregon Country; and

Whereas the sesquicentennial will be celebrated as part of the commemoration planned by the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial in Oregon and several Oregon communities in 2005, and a statewide commemoration of the 1855 treaty has been declared by the Oregon Heritage Commission; now, therefore,

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

(1) The Legislative Assembly honors the Treaty with the Tribes of Middle Oregon and directs state agencies and urges local governments to work cooperatively with the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon to honor and support the promises made in the 1855 treaty.

(2) The Legislative Assembly urges communities within the ceded area of the Warm Springs Reservation to celebrate the sesquicentennial of the Treaty with the Tribes of Middle Oregon.

Adopted by Senate March 17, 2005

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Secretary of Senate

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President of Senate

Adopted by House May 19, 2005

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Speaker of House