

**RESOLUTION
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF
THE CONFEDERATED SALISH AND KOOTENAI TRIBES
OF THE FLATHEAD INDIAN RESERVATION MONTANA**

**RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE UNITED STATES NAVY IN THE
CONSTRUCTION AND COMMISSIONING OF THE USS MONTANA**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE CONFEDERATED SALISH
AND KOOTENAI TRIBES THAT,**

WHEREAS, some 286 men and women of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes have served in the United States Navy beginning with World War I and continuing to the present day; and

WHEREAS, it is noted that Native Americans serve in the military at the highest rate per capita among all races and ethnic groups in the United States; and

WHEREAS, a new Virginia Class nuclear powered attack submarine (SSN 794) named the USS Montana is under construction for the United States Navy in Virginia with commissioning scheduled for the year 2020, and

WHEREAS, the USS Montana, with its leading-edge stealth and other technology, will be a key component of the U.S. Navy fleet, capable of a wide range of missions to fulfill its motto to defend our way of life, and

WHEREAS, those who serve on the USS Montana will benefit from an ongoing relationship with the citizens of Montana as she sails the world's oceans, and

WHEREAS, this submarine will continue and build upon the proud legacy of the first and only other operational USS Montana, an armored cruiser (ACR 13) commissioned in July of 1908 that served with distinction through and beyond World War I, and

WHEREAS, the USS Montana Committee, a Montana nonprofit corporation, established to support the commissioning of the USS Montana and all those who sail aboard her in defense of our nation, is seeking Tribal input and support for its endeavor, and

WHEREAS, the USS Montana Committee will continually strive to build and maintain a relationship between the citizens of Montana and the crew of the USS Montana Submarine and provide financial and other assistance to complement that which the U.S. Navy is able to provide, and

WHEREAS, all Montanans and all Americans will be proud of the future roles of the USS Montana and its crew members. **NOW, THEREFORE,**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Tribal Council of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes hereby commends the United States Navy in the construction and commissioning of the USS Montana Virginia class nuclear powered submarine (SSN 794), and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the CSKT Tribal Council salute and send the Creator's blessings over all men and women who help build, equip, crew, train, and eventually sail aboard the USS Montana, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the CSKT Tribal Council endorse the USS Montana Commissioning Committee in its endeavors to support the commissioning and all those who sail aboard her in defense of our nation.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Tribal Council on February 5, 2019, by a vote of 8 for, 0 opposed, and 0 not voting, pursuant to authority vested in it by article VI, Section 1 (a) and (u) of the Tribes' Constitution and Bylaws; said Constitution adopted and approved under Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934, (48 Stat 984), as amended.


Chairman, Tribal Council

ATTEST:


Tribal Council Secretary