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CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF THE COLVILLE RESERVATION
&
DOWNTOWN MOSES LAKE ASSOCIATION

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Chief Moses Banner Unveiling: Event Press Release

A display honoring Chief Moses in Moses Lake's Sinkiuse Square

NESPELEM & MOSES LAKE , WA- The Downtown Moses Lake Association (DMLA) and Colville Business Council are honored to invite you to an upcoming ceremony that will reveal a commemorative display of Chief Moses in Downtown Moses Lake. In the summer of 2020, the DMLA proposed the idea of designing banners that would celebrate Chief Moses and serve as a unique rendition in Sinkiuse Square. Moses Lake was named after Chief Moses (1829-1899), leader of the Sinkiuse or Columbia tribe of Indians. škwáxčənəx^w or the Moses- Columbia people means "People living on the bank." We are looking forward to sharing the outcome of this collaborative effort and embracing a vital piece of Moses Lake's history in the downtown area.

Colville Business Council Chariman, Rodney Cawston, says, "On behalf of the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation, I would like to thank the City of Moses Lake for recognizing and respecting the škwáxčənəx^w (Moses Columbia Tribe) who lived on this land since time immemorial. All of the traditional homelands of all of our twelve constituent tribes continue their enduring relationships to these places. This relationship does not exist in a past tense; today our people continue to travel back to their homelands to gather traditional foods, medicines and other resources. The installation at Sinkiuse Square demonstrates a way of honoring the škwáxčənəx^w and showing appreciation to those whose territory present day residents now reside on."

Event Details—The Chief Moses Banner Unveiling Ceremony will be held on Wednesday, June 30th at 11:00a.m. in Sinkiuse Square. The event is open to the public. During this ceremony you will hear from Colville Business Council Chairman Rodney Cawston, Culture Committee Chairwoman Karen Condon, and other members of the Colville Business Council, Moses Lake Mayor David Curnel, City Manager Allison Williams and Downtown Moses Lake Association's Executive Director, Lexi Smith. Once we have heard from each of our speakers, the banners will be revealed as DMLA's Board of Directors simultaneously remove the coverings. We are also pleased to announce that a variety of community leaders will be present at this ceremony including:

Moses Lake School District Superintendent Joshua Meek, Representative Alex Ybarra and multiple City Council Members. *Limited seating will be available, please bring any chairs or accommodations you may need*.

We are inviting our community to join us in this experience as we welcome this valuable addition into the downtown area. More information on this event can be found at www.dmlaevents.com or by contacting the Downtown Moses Lake Association - (509) 770-1700.

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About the Downtown Moses Lake Association:

The Downtown Moses Lake Association is a non-profit organization committed to the economic vitality, purposeful design, and ongoing promotion of the Downtown Moses Lake Corridor. We strive to make Downtown Moses Lake an exciting place to live, shop, work, and play. This year we have placed a heavy focus on economic resiliency and will play a critical role in economic recovery following COVID.

About the Colville Tribes:

Today, more than 9,443 descendants of 12 aboriginal tribes of Indians are enrolled in the Confederated Tribes of the Colville. The twelve tribes which compose the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation include: ščəlám̓xəx̓w (deep water) or Chelan; walwáma (Wallowa people) or Chief Joseph Band of Nez Perce; s̓x̓w̓y̓ʔiɫp (sharp pointed trees) or Colville; šnt̓iyátk̓wəx̓w (grass in the water) or Entiat; sn̓ʔáyckst (speckled fish) or Lakes; mət̓x̓w̓u (blunt hills around a valley) or Methow; škwáxčənəx̓w (people living on the bank) or Moses-Columbia; nspilm (prairie) or Nespelem; uknaq̓in (seeing over the top) or Okanogan; palúšpam (people from Palouse) or Palus; sən̓p̓ʔw̓ilx̓ (grey mist as far as one can see) or San Poil, and šnp̓əšq̓w̓áwsəx̓w (people in between) or Wenatchi.