



## The Klamath Tribes Tribal Council

March 26, 2019

Senate Committee on Veterans and Emergency Preparedness  
900 Court Street NE, Room 357  
Salem, Oregon 97301

RE: Klamath Tribes of Oregon (Klamath, Modoc and Yahooskin Paiute) support of SCR 12

Honorable Chair Olsen and Committee Members,

On behalf of the Klamath Tribes, the Klamath, Modoc and Yahooskin Paiute people, I hereby express our overwhelming support of Senate Concurrent Resolution 12 commemorating the Modoc War of 1872-1873, all those who lost their lives during the costly conflict, and expressing regret over the execution of Captain Jack, Schonchin John, Black Jim and Boston Charley in 1873, and for the expulsion of our Modoc relatives from their ancestral homelands to Oklahoma Indian Territory.

It is important to communicate that I, as Chairman of the Klamath Tribes, do not represent our Modoc Tribe of Oklahoma relatives. Though we may share many of the lasting traumatic and devastating effects of the Modoc War and the acts of genocide that occurred before and afterward, they have lived and survived through adversity that the Modoc people who were allowed to stay in Oregon on the Klamath Reservation never faced.

Acknowledging the truth of wrongs done is a critical first step towards healing those affected. In regards to the Modoc War, I believe that passage of Senate Concurrent Resolution 12 is a step towards healing the wounds of our respective Modoc peoples, and towards reconciliation of the broken relationships between all of the tribes and people groups involved.

Respectfully,

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