

WELCOME TO THE 2024 CHEHALIS TRIBAL EMPLOYEE PICNIC

Good Afternoon,

First, I want to express my sincere regret for not being able to join you today. Unfortunately, I had a prior engagement in Eastern Washington that I simply could not change, reschedule, or cancel.

I want to take this moment to thank each and every one of you for the hard work and dedication you show throughout the year. While today is a day set aside to recognize those efforts, please know that I truly appreciate all that you contribute and achieve year-round.

The Chehalis Tribe is a unique and special place to work. Our mission is not to make CEOs or stockholders wealthier. Our priorities are not dictated by Wall Street tycoons or hedge fund managers. Instead, we are working to enrich the lives of our tribal members, strengthen our environment, improve the health of our people, and ensure the safety of our community. Some of us have deeper ties to the land and community than others, but it takes all of us, working together and doing our best, to keep this place running smoothly. I am proud of the work you do, and I am honored to call you my friends, family, and colleagues.

So please, take this time to enjoy lunch, play hard, and make the most of the day. We'll be back in our offices and workspaces on Monday, and I hope that some of the camaraderie and friendships you experience today will carry over into the workplace. We are all in this together, and we will be stronger for the friendships we build on days like today.

Again, I wish I could be there with you, but I look forward to seeing you all soon

