

PROCLAMATION



“Major San D. Francisco Day” October 18, 2014

WHEREAS: Kittitas County is extremely proud of its service men and women – past and present; and

WHEREAS: Kittitas County acknowledges that Major San D. Francisco lived in Ellensburg, WA 1962-1966, was a CWU student, football player, wrestler, Air Force ROTC graduate, and commissioned into the U.S. Air Force, June 1966; and

WHEREAS: Major San D. Francisco honorably served his country as an Air Force Officer pilot (Phantom F-4D) in the 555th Fighter Squadron (Triple Nickel) and completed his 100th combat “sortie” prior to November 25th, 1968. He was scheduled to return to the U.S. on December 1, 1968 to be reunited with his wife, Kay and young son, Tod; and

WHEREAS: Major Francisco was asked by his squadron commander on November 25, 1968, six (6) days before his scheduled departure to the U.S., to fill in for an ill pilot and fly one more reconnaissance mission. His brothers in the 555th (Triple Nickel) recall that he did, without hesitation. San took the controls that day because he was a patriot and he felt it was the right thing to do; and

WHEREAS: On November 25, 1968, Major Francisco’s plane was shot down. He ejected but his parachute didn’t deploy correctly and both legs were broken upon landing; and

WHEREAS: Subsequently, Major Francisco was killed in action and buried by local villagers, who recently have supplied the Department of Defense the burial details and location of his remains; and

WHEREAS: The Department of Defense has recently acknowledged that Major Francisco’s remains are still in the Quang Binh Province, and

WHEREAS: Major San D. Francisco, according to the U.S. Department of Defense, is the only Kittitas County Viet Nam War Veteran not yet returned to U.S. soil;

NOW THEREFORE: The Kittitas County Commissioners join together to support the efforts of the San D. Francisco Awareness Campaign to bring home his remains so that this “Hero Will Not Be Left Behind.”

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: The Kittitas County Commissioner proudly proclaims Saturday, October 18, 2014 as

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in Kittitas County and urges all county residents and citizens to support all efforts to “Bring A Hero Home” and to attend the San D. Francisco Rally at Kelleher Motor Company at 5:00 PM on Saturday, October 18, 2014, sponsored by Kelleher Motor Company, the CWU Men of Elwood Manor, and the San D. Francisco Awareness Campaign.

PROCLAIMED THIS 7th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2014.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
KITTTAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**



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ATTEST:


Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board