

Press Release

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Marysville Mayor, Tulalip Chairman call for compassion, patience as communities struggle to heal; they thank strong city-tribal partnership during crisis response

Leaders of the City of Marysville and Tulalip Tribes are calling for compassion and patience in the aftermath of the tragic fatal shooting at Marysville-Pilchuck High School, and promised to continue their strong government-to-government relationship during the healing process.

When the magnitude of the situation became clear on the morning of the shooting, Marysville Mayor Jon Nehring immediately reached out to Tulalip Tribes Chairman Herman Williams Sr., to share an update on the investigation, and the communities agreed jointly to extend any and all support necessary.

“The willingness between our mutual governments to reach out in times of crisis, share law enforcement resources, and communicate and collaborate effectively are just a few among many examples of what provides the strong partnership that the City and Tribes have in place,” Nehring says.

“When one tragedy impacts the Marysville and Tulalip communities and the people who call this area home, we all suffer, and we stand together in times of crisis,” he adds. “We live, work and play together, and as time goes by we will heal together.”

Chairman Herman Williams Sr., offered this statement: “As we grieve in the wake of this tragedy, the Tulalip Tribes and the City of Marysville stand together, united in sorrow but determined to bring healing to our communities. The strong working relationship we have built over many years has proven critical as we continue to respond to this unimaginable event. Our priority is now on our children and young people.”

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