



**REP. BRUCE HANNA
CO-SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE**

February 1, 2011

Honorable Elders of all Northwest Tribal Nations:

Many years ago, the Salish and Nez Perce requested that missionaries be sent to our region to teach their people. They requested that the "Book of Heaven" be brought and shared with the tribes.

Jason Lee answered that call; bringing a Bible, the "Book of Heaven." He shared it with the tribes and other people in our state. His work was instrumental in bringing additional settlers to the Willamette Valley, which led to the establishment of Oregon as a US territory.

Without that original request from the tribes for this book of great spiritual power and wisdom, our state might not exist. All who live within our beautiful and bountiful State owe a debt of gratitude to those tribal leaders who sought the very best for their people.

I am pleased to invite you, your honored Chiefs, Chairs, Councils, families and friends to a special event at the Oregon State Capitol on April 16th, 2011, from 11 am to 2 pm. At this event, we will celebrate and remember with gratitude the important place in our State's history held by the native people of this land.

Reviving Oregon's Amazing Roots – 180 *Rendezvous at the Capitol*

Saturday, April 16, 2011

11:00 am – 2:00 pm

Capitol Steps and East Capitol grounds; 900 Court St. NE, Salem

Information: Aaron Auer (503) 705-7627 or Lockley Bremner (406) 250-8968

I hope to meet you at the Capitol on Saturday, April 16th.

Sincerely,

Co-Speaker Bruce Hanna
State Representative, 7th District