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In the left photo John C. Pierce, executive director, Oregon Historical Society, (L) and Antone Minthorn, board chair, Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, sign a reciprocal agreement recently. In the right photo, David Nicandri, director, Washington State Historical Society, and Minthorn sign a reciprocal agreement. (Photo: Dallas Dick, Tamástslíkt Cultural Institute)

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In a multi-state gesture timed to pay homage to the Lewis and Clark bicentennial commemoration and the Walla Walla Treaty Council sesquicentennial, the Tamástslíkt Cultural Institute has entered into reciprocal membership agreements with the Oregon and Washington State Historical Societies. Among other provisions, the agreements provide free admission to their museums for members of any one of the respective institutions. Tamástslíkt's membership includes the 2,400 enrolled members of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR), which own and operate the museum.

“Both the Lewis and Clark expedition and the Walla Walla Council were examples of government to government relations,” said Antone Minthorn, chairman of the CTUIR and one of the agreement signers. “With the anniversaries of these events happening simultaneously, it seemed as though there was an opportunity to make a formal gesture with regard to the relationship between our respective historical institutions.”

In a cooperative effort in 2001 the three museums joined to develop and market “Wrapped in Tradition”, an exhibit of Dale Chihuly art and heirloom Indian blankets collected by Chihuly, according to John Chess, Tamástslíkt Development Officer. “Prior to and since then, the museums have provided loans of artifacts to complement each other's offerings. These accords build upon the relationships that these state level institutions and our Tribally owned and operated facility have established,” said Chess

Other signatories to the agreements were David L. Nicandri, Director of the Washington

State Historical Society, and John C. Pierce, Executive Director of the Oregon Historical Society.

Recently, Tamástslíkt and the Oregon Historical Society agreed to co-publish the Tribes' soon to be released history book that includes a partnership with the University of Washington Press. Tamástslíkt and the Washington State Historical Society have also collaborated on the Walla Walla Treaty Council exhibit now on display at Tamástslíkt through the end of the year. Exhibit panels from a similar installation at the Washington State History Museum and original sketches of Tribal Treaty negotiators by Gustav Sohon, who was present at the Council, were loaned to Tamástslíkt for the exhibit. Umatilla Tribal representatives have served on the board of Oregon Historical Society and Chairman Minthorn now serves on the board of the Washington Historical Society.

As acknowledged in the agreements, they were signed "In the spirit of collective inquiry, diverse perspectives and in recognition of those past whose actions provide context to our daily lives and the work that we do."

The Washington State History Museum is the flagship operation of the Washington Historical Society, located at 1911 Pacific Avenue in downtown Tacoma, just off I-5. The museum presents exhibitions, programs and events that bring to life the stories of Washington State's history. More information, including hours and admission rates, can be accessed by calling 1-888-BE-THERE (1-888-238-4373) or by visiting www.washingtonhistory.org

The Oregon Historical Society is the prime source of historical and pre-historical information about the state of Oregon and the people here. Since 1900 it has published *Oregon Historical Quarterly* and its OHS Press has published over 150 books and other publications since its formation in 1929. It holds over 85,000 artifacts and thousands of books, maps, films and other historical sources in its research library. Its museum is located at the corner of SW Jefferson and Park in downtown Portland. www.ohs.org. or 503-222-1741

Tamástslíkt Cultural Institute is located at Wildhorse Resort & Casino, 10 minutes east of Pendleton. From Interstate 84 take exit 216 and follow the signs five minutes to Wildhorse Resort and the Institute. Coming from the north, take the Mission exit from Highway 11 just northeast of Pendleton and follow the signs for about ten minutes to the Wildhorse Resort and the Institute. Tamástslíkt is open 7 days a week from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. In addition to exhibits telling the story of the three Tribes' history and culture, there is also a Museum Store and the Kinship Café.

For more information: 541-966-9748 or www.tamastslikt.com. Direct dial the museum store at tollfree 1-866-282-2022. Tamástslíkt is owned and operated by the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation