

Administration of Donald J. Trump, 2020

Statement on Signing Legislation To Nullify the Supplemental Treaty Between the United States of America and the Confederated Tribes and Bands of Indians of Middle Oregon

October 20, 2020

Today, I have signed into law S. 832, a bill to nullify the Supplemental Treaty between the United States and the Confederated Tribes and Bands of Indians of Middle Oregon. S. 832 declares that "[t]he Supplemental Treaty Between the United States of America and the Confederated Tribes and Bands of Indians of Middle Oregon, concluded on November 15, 1865, and entered into pursuant to the Senate resolution of ratification dated March 2, 1867 (14 Stat. 751), shall have no force or effect." The bill eliminates an unenforced, but antiquated and unfair, restriction on tribal members' ability to leave their respective reservations without government permission. I understand the bill to negate the domestic legal effect of the 1865 treaty with the Indian tribes, consistent with their unique status under our Constitution, and thus not to implicate my Article II authority over the termination of international agreements.

DONALD J. TRUMP

The White House,
October 20, 2020.

NOTE: S. 832, approved October 20, was assigned Public Law No. 116–175. An original was not available for verification of the content of this statement.

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