



*We are only visitors to this world*

Let us use our time here to the fullest in promoting peace, respecting our fellow humans and loving those around us with the joy of true friendship.

Peace, understanding, respect and love are the virtues of mankind and worthy goals of society. Our short visit to this world leaves us precious little time to achieve these goals.

As Captains Meriwether Lewis and William Clark prepared for their journey across unknown territory one hundred eighty-one years ago, President Thomas Jefferson gave them specially minted "peace medals," to be appropriately presented to the Chiefs of the Indian Nations on behalf of the President.

In keeping with that tradition, I, Governor Victor Atiyeh, present to the Chiefs of the Warm Springs, Wasco and Paiute Tribes and the Confederation of those Tribes a specially struck medal. This medal is given only by me to those whom I, for my own reasons, personally select.

The Confederated Tribes, through their Chiefs and Council, have a special place in my heart and mind. My admiration for your pioneering efforts to help your people is boundless. The respect I have for you collectively and individually grows with each passing year. But most treasured of all is the generosity and the warmth of friendship you have given me.

*Presented on June 21, 1985, the one hundred thirtieth year of the Treaty with your Tribes*