



Jerome Antoine Junior Thomas for Chief of the Esquimalt Nation.

**"Born and Raised in Service to Our Nation, Committed to
Our Future"**



Greetings, Esteemed Members of the Esquimalt Nation,

My name is Jerome Antoine Junior Thomas, and I am honored to announce my candidacy for the esteemed position of Chief in the upcoming Esquimalt Nation election. Throughout my 42 years of unwavering commitment to our ancestral land, I have proudly embraced the role of a true son of our Nation, fostering a deep connection with our community.

Family lies at the heart of my journey. Over the past 28 years, my wife and I have raised two wonderful children, a 23-year-old daughter and a 14-year-old son, right here on our cherished homeland.

In my professional life, I have dedicated 11 years of service to Salish Sea Industrial Services, an integral part of the Ralmax Group. This journey of leadership began with three years of intensive training as a bridgeman with the Ita school where I also received the Mungo Martin award in the second year followed by two years of specialized education in the Operator of Engineering school, focusing on crane operations. Through my dedication and hard work, I have accumulated an impressive 1600 hours of seat time and 3400 hours of rigging, solidifying my expertise in these vital roles.

Throughout my career, I have led by example, overseeing crucial barge and equipment operations, and was appointed as Forman for numerous jobs where I have completed jobs on time or ahead of schedule, while consistently prioritizing the safety and efficiency of my dedicated crew.

Community engagement is a core value that I hold dear. I actively connect with our community, providing support to our elders and sharing traditional knowledge with our youth, ensuring the preservation of our time-honored arts of hunting and fishing.

The dedication I bring to leadership is rooted in my work. Leading jobs at Salish Sea Industrial Services has equipped me with the necessary skills to oversee complex operations and ensure the safety and efficiency of my team.

In 2003, I was honored to be initiated into the Long House, further deepening my connection to our rich cultural heritage. I embody the qualities of effective communication, strong organization, unwavering honesty, and inspiring leadership.

One of my significant initiatives is to pursue tax exemptions for our fellow community members who tirelessly contribute to Salish Sea Industrial Services and Point Hope Ship Yards.

My commitment to our Nation extends to voluntary representation at Ralmax open houses, where I passionately explain the vital partnership between our Nation and the company. Additionally, I took great pride in attending the 2022 South Island powwow, representing both my company and our esteemed Esquimalt Nation.

To personally connect with me, I invite you to reach out at +1 (250) 884-4044 or via email at jerome2nd@hotmail.com. I am always eager to engage with our community and listen to your thoughts and concerns.

As I embark on this journey to serve as Chief, I humbly seek your support and trust. Together, we can forge a path towards a brighter future for the Esquimalt Nation, one that is filled with abundant opportunities and shared prosperity for all.

Thank you for considering me as your candidate for Chief.

Sincerely,

Jerome Antoine Junior Thomas