

Statement from Washington Governor Jay Inslee on the Passing of Chinook Tribal Chairman Ray Gardner

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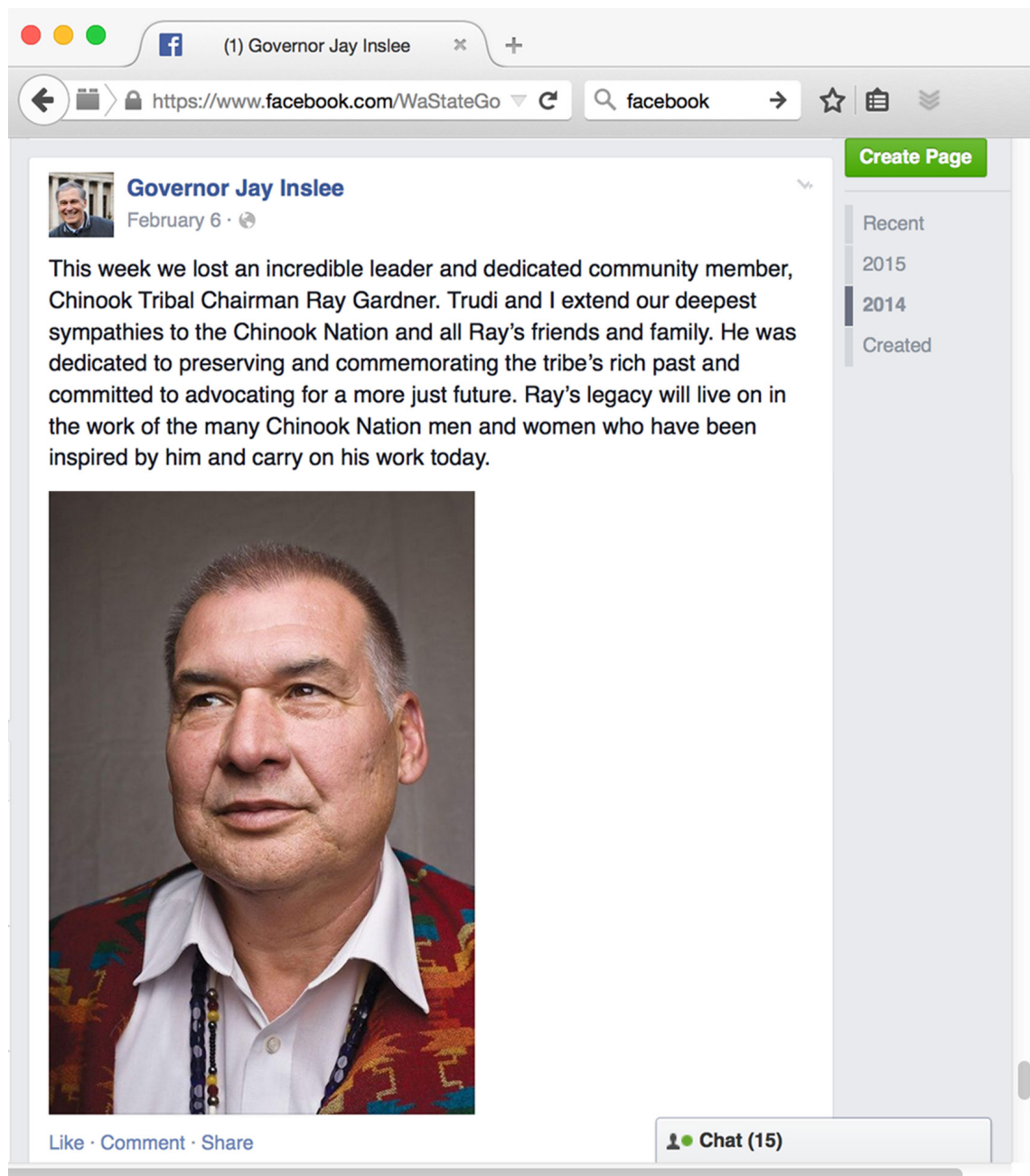
Ray was dedicated to preserving and commemorating the tribe's rich past while advocating for a more just future. He served as Tribal Chairman for 13 years and has been one of the tribe's most prominent leaders in efforts to gain federal recognition for the Chinook Nation. His leadership on the successful Middle Village-Station Camp project is just one example of his ability to bring people together and promote the story and culture of the Chinook Nation.

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The screenshot shows a Facebook browser window with the URL <https://www.facebook.com/WaStateGo>. The post is from Governor Jay Inslee, dated February 6. The text of the post reads: "This week we lost an incredible leader and dedicated community member, Chinook Tribal Chairman Ray Gardner. Trudi and I extend our deepest sympathies to the Chinook Nation and all Ray's friends and family. He was dedicated to preserving and commemorating the tribe's rich past and committed to advocating for a more just future. Ray's legacy will live on in the work of the many Chinook Nation men and women who have been inspired by him and carry on his work today." Below the text is a portrait of Ray Gardner, a middle-aged man with short hair, wearing a white shirt and a colorful patterned jacket. At the bottom of the post, there are links for "Like", "Comment", and "Share", and a chat notification for "Chat (15)".

How many more members of the Chinook Indian Nation must die without realizing their inheritance?