

Whereas

Whereas, the City of Portland now rests on lands at the confluence of the Willamette and Columbia rivers, a major crossroads for the economic, social and political interactions of the tribal nations for thousands of years; and

Whereas, Native American people, who have been here since time immemorial, continue to contribute immeasurably to our City's heritage, distinguishing themselves as scholars, veterans, teachers, athletes, artists, entrepreneurs and leaders; and

Whereas, the American Indian and Alaska Native people of the Portland Metro statistical area is over 50,000 people, descended from more than 380 tribes or bands from across the nation; and

Whereas, the City of Portland supports, in concert with its tribal partners, efforts to preserve for tribal members and their descendants' rights secured under Indian Treaties, Executive Orders, and benefits to which they are entitled under the laws and constitution of the United States and several states; and

Whereas, the City of Portland strives to educate our employees and community toward a better understanding of American Indian and Alaska Native people, to preserve cultural values, and otherwise to promote the welfare of Native American people; and

Whereas, our local Native American community continues to contribute to the cultural fabric of the City of Portland and has found creative ways to provide mutual support, to maintain connection, and to build community amidst the COVID-19 pandemic; and

Whereas, the City of Portland supports the inaugural First Nations Affinity Group for American Indian/Alaska Native employees by allowing for an annual budget, paid time, support resources, and relationship to a network of other City Diverse and Empowered Employee affinity groups;

Whereas, the City of Portland is committed to culturally-responsive public safety programs that appropriately serve Native people and proactively engage in tribal nation law enforcement agencies to increase trust, rapport, and engagement to ensure equitable policing practices are afforded to all tribal people in our City;

Now, therefore, Ted Wheeler, Mayor of the City of Portland, Oregon, the "City of Roses" do hereby proclaim November 2020 to be

Native American Heritage Month

in Portland and encourage all residents to observe this day.

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(Proclamation introduced by Mayor Wheeler)

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