

# Whereas

*Whereas,* the City of Portland stands with other tribal, regional, state, and national governments and organizations in support of National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Native Women and Girls; and

*Whereas,* the lasting effects of colonization and a history of oppressive policies directly correlates to the rise of violence against Native women and girls, which is in direct conflict with tribal cultural values; and

*Whereas,* the disappearances and murders of Native women and girls is often directly connected to domestic violence, sexual assault, or trafficking, which is a direct threat to tribal sovereignty and compromises Indian Country's ability to heal from historical trauma; and

*Whereas,* American Indian and Alaska Native women are 2.5 times as likely to experience violent crimes – and at least 2 times more likely to experience rape or sexual assault crimes – compared to all other races according to a 2013 National Congress of American Indian Policy Research Center report; and

*Whereas,* the Portland City Council, in an effort to support the visibility of this issue nationally, calls upon our congressional delegation to support pending resolutions to designate May 5, 2018 as the “National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Native Women and Girls;” and

*Now, therefore,* I, Ted Wheeler, Mayor of the City of Portland, Oregon, the “City of Roses,” do hereby proclaim May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018 to be

*Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered  
Native Women and Girls*

in Portland, and encourage all residents to observe this day.



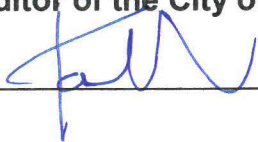
Proclaim May 5, 2018 to be Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Native Women and Girls (Proclamation introduced by Mayor Wheeler)

MAR 28 2018

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Auditor of the City of Portland

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1. Fritz		
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