

Whereas

Whereas, the Tongan Americans are Americans who can trace their ancestry to the Oceania country of the Kingdom of Tonga. There are approximately 57,000 Tongans and Tongan Americans living in the United States, as of 2012. Tongans are considered to be Pacific Islanders in the United States Census, and are the fourth largest Pacific Islander American group in terms of population, after Native Hawaiians, Samoan Americans, and Guamanian/Chamorro Americans; and

Whereas, there are 1300 people of Tongan heritage and descent living, celebrating and working in Portland, Oregon; and

Whereas, the Tongan community cherishes a multi-generational family structure; and holds a tradition of caring for their elderly at home which reinforces the passing of cultural preservation to their American born children; and

Whereas, Tongans seek to be part of mainstream society, they seek to preserve Tongan culture and language; the essence of true community integration and hope for a future opportunity to have Tonga as a sister city to Portland; and

Whereas, Tongan culture is shared with community through family traditions, music, faith, dance performance, island food and quilt making, the majority of Tongan men work in the residential construction, masonry and concrete industry; and all Tongans seek economic opportunities and a desire for higher education; and

Whereas, the Tongan community seeks ownership of safe public space and to establish rapport with Portland's diverse community for which they are elated to celebrate their 3rd Annual Tonga Day in the City of Portland on August 17th and to have the City welcome the Tongan delegates traveling to Portland specifically for this event; and

Whereas, the City of Portland welcomes the continued growth, prosperity and health of the Tongan people in the City of Roses;

Now, therefore, I, Ted Wheeler, Mayor of the City of Portland, Oregon, the "City of Roses," do hereby proclaim August 2019 to be

Tongan Heritage Month

in Portland and encourage all residents to observe this month.



Agenda No. PROCLAMATION

Proclaim

Title

Declare August 1 - August 31, 2019 to be Tongva Month (Proclamation)
Heritage

INTRODUCED BY Commissioner/Auditor: Eudaly, Wheeler
CLERK USE: DATE FILED AUG 20 2019
COMMISSIONER APPROVAL
Mayor—Finance & Administration – Wheeler
Position 1/Utilities - Fritz
Position 2/Works - Fish
Position 3/Affairs - Hardesty
Position 4/Safety - Eudaly
BUREAU APPROVAL
Bureau: N/A
Bureau Head: N/A
Prepared by: Winta Yohannes
Date Prepared: 8/20/19
Impact Statement
Completed [] Amends Budget []
Portland Policy Document
If "Yes" requires City Policy paragraph stated in document.
Yes [] No [X]
City Auditor Office Approval: required for Code Ordinances
City Attorney Approval: required for contract, code, easement, franchise, charter, Comp Plan
Council Meeting Date 8/29/19
ACTION TAKEN:
AUG 29 2019 PLACED ON FILE

AGENDA
TIME CERTAIN [X]
Start time: 2:45
Total amount of time needed: 30
(for presentation, testimony and discussion)
CONSENT []
REGULAR []
Total amount of time needed:
(for presentation, testimony and discussion)

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