

## PROCLAMATION OF THE DAY OF THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

My name is Felix Chuma Pinguil, I am a son of the 500 years of Indigenous Resistance I'm originally from the Kañari Kichwa, Inka Ecuador from the confederation of the Andean Indigenous World. With the deepest respect and permission of my & our elders and all of the great Nation of AB-YAYALA – AMERICA, North, Central, South and all of the government councils.

Your Honorable Mayor Ted Wheeler, commissioners and city officials of the city of Portland with your respective deep permission. I will share a few words in allusion to the proclamation of Restoring Change through Indigenous Peoples Day of the conquest of the colonization by resistance of our people and Allies.

526 years ago, the Indigenous Nations walked steadfastly in defending Mother Earth's territory (*Pacha Mama*) and its natural resources and the ecological balance in biodiversity.

Without it we cannot talk about customs cultural values of music art, education, health, housing and other projects.

The geopolitical, geo-economic ruling models have applied a single unit view of the market for production competition between human beings, leaving large gaps of inequality, discrimination and abysmal of corruption.

The great economist ideologues planners of models such as: capitalism, neoliberalism, socialism, communism, Christianity ISMOS has been muted without answers nor solution to the conflicts and the gaps of social differences.

The Indigenous Nations are the protective guardians and defenders of renewable and non-renewable natural biodiversity wealth that produce food and many other functions for the great cities of the world.

Indigenous nations constantly live the neo-colonial invasion of transnational oil, mining, hydroelectric companies, looting, contamination of their lands with pesticides, urotoxic fungicides, drying up the rivers, lagoons, poisoned, contaminated with mercury, lead causing corruption, death, cancer, deformations, and other diseases.

The natural repression and death of Indigenous leaders in consequence of migration with all this causing disastrous climatic changes for our planet.

Indigenous nations resist and some survive as I have!!

Some have Survived Massacres, abuses, robberies, rapes and deaths of 90 million human beings from north to south and all the remains that there is no way to have an exact count. It is the Extermination and Genocide of the greatest humanity in history and the Second World War.

Thanks to the deep struggle of our brothers, sisters, mother fathers, grandparents and grandmothers who defended with their lives, the practice of sacred ceremonies. The Indignities were massacred persecuted by the churches and rulers the death of thousands of Indigenous people, this is the cost that is still going on today. We are a culture that has to contribute to protect the earth and the human species.

*ILO-CONVENTION 169. UN. OAS THE INTERNATIONAL DECLARATORY RIGHT OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES:* The Declaration recognizes the distinctive and important status of indigenous peoples, their common historical experiences and the universal spirit that underpins their text. The Declaration is an affirmation of accepted international human rights and also expresses new and non-binding aspirations. Today the Declaration is the most comprehensive international instrument on the rights of indigenous peoples. It establishes a universal framework of minimum standards for the survival, dignity and well-being of the world's indigenous peoples and develops the existing human rights standards and fundamental freedoms that apply to the specific situation of indigenous peoples.

Your Honorable Mayor Ted Wheeler and commissioners of the city of Portland, in recognition of this city recognized as a Sanctuary city, I ask that although the current national government of the United States does not recognize the International Declarations of our rights, I am before you today Asking Petitioning our local government that THE INTERNATIONAL DECLARATORY RIGHT OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES be recognized in the city of Portland and throughout the State of Oregon. It is recognized Internationally with its importance to press and put pressure Nationally and walk in RESISTANCE with all the Indigenous people of the World with the International Declaration of Rights and to continue and worker Harder for Agreements for Global & Local Climate Change.

Finally, I would like to invite you to a conference and ceremony for our 500-year Indigenous Nations Resistance community this event will be held on Saturday October 12, 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm here in Portland City Hall at the Atrium on the first floor. Thank you for the opportunity to serve my community. And Thank you for your Time and Attention.

# Whereas

*Whereas,* the City of Portland recognized that the Indigenous People of the lands that would later become known as the Americas have occupied these lands since time immemorial; and

*Whereas,* the City recognizes the fact that Portland is built upon the homelands and villages, and traditional use areas of many tribes and bands in this region, without whom the building of the city would not be possible; and

*Whereas,* Indigenous Peoples' Day was first proposed in 1977 by a delegation of Native Nations to the United Nations sponsored International Conference on Discrimination against Indigenous Populations in the Americas; and

*Whereas,* the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (the "Declaration") recognizes that " Indigenous peoples have the right to maintain and strengthen their distinct political, legal, economic, social and cultural institutions, while retaining their right to participate fully, if they so choose, in the political, economic, social and cultural life of the State,"; and

*Whereas,* Article 29 of the Declaration recognizes the right of indigenous peoples "have the right to the conservation and protection of the environment and the productive capacity of their lands or territories and resources,"; and

*Whereas,* Indigenous peoples are carriers of ancestral knowledge and wisdom about biodiversity conservation and are experts in protecting and managing eighty percent of the world's biodiversity; and

*Whereas,* On October 7, 2015, Portland City Council passed a resolution resolving that the City of Portland shall recognize Indigenous Peoples' Day on the second Monday of October; and

*Whereas,* That the 2019 Indigenous Peoples' Day shall be used to reflect upon the value of looking to Indigenous people to help inform the City's climate action strategies and declarations;

*Now, therefore,* I, Ted Wheeler, Mayor of the City of Portland, Oregon, the "City of Roses," do hereby proclaim October 14th, 2019 to be

## *Indigenous Peoples Day*

in Portland, and encourage all residents, businesses, organizations and public institutions to observe this day by reflecting upon the ongoing struggles of Indigenous Peoples on this land, and to celebrate the thriving culture and value that Indigenous Peoples add to our city.

