

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 recognizes that Native Americans are carriers of important knowledge and wisdom about biodiversity conservation and are stewards in protecting the environment through a long-standing sense of duty and commitment that can help to inform the City's climate actions; and

Whereas, the City of Portland supports a "Buy Native" movement, to support economic sovereignty, by spending with local Native American owned businesses, that helps building cultural, social, and economic opportunity and prosperity; and

Whereas, our local Native American community continues to contribute to the cultural fabric of the City of Portland through many events throughout the year such as traditional powwows, celebrations, active community organizations and civic engagement; and

Whereas, the City of Portland strives to enlighten the public 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;

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

Native American Heritage Month

In Portland and encourage the residents to observe this month.

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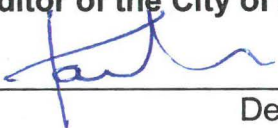
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(Proclamation introduced by Mayor Wheeler)

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