

Whereas

Whereas, the City of Portland joins a growing chorus of local, state, tribal, and national governments supporting the National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women; and

Whereas, the lasting effects of colonization and a history of oppressive policies directly correlate to the rise of violence against Indigenous women and girls in the United States, Canada, Mexico, Central America and all US territories; and

Whereas, the disappearances and murders of Indigenous women and girls is directly connected to domestic and other forms of violence, sexual assault, trafficking, and a history of childhood, intergenerational, and historic trauma; and

Whereas, these acts of violence and corresponding oversight and neglect of government law enforcement is a continued form of genocide and is a direct threat to tribal sovereignty, thus compromising Indian Country's self-determination and self-governance, and;

Whereas, the City of Portland recognizes that the issues of Missing and Murdered Indigenous women are not isolated to reservations or rural communities, but impact urban areas like the Portland metropolitan region; and

Whereas, the City of Portland urges Portlanders to wear red every 5th day of the month to show solidarity, support, and to continue efforts to raise awareness about the needs to address the systemic obstacles that contribute to the occurrence of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women; and

Whereas, the City of Portland calls upon its congressional delegation to support pending legislation that will address the lack of adequate federal responses to crimes against American Indian and Alaska Native people, such as the SURVIVE Act and the Not Invisible Act of 2019; and

Now, therefore, I, Ted Wheeler, Mayor of the City of Portland, Oregon, the "City of Roses," do hereby proclaim May 5th, 2020 to be

*Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous
Women*

In Portland and encourage all residents to observe this day.

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Murdered Indigenous Women
(Proclamation introduced by Mayor Wheeler)

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