

Whereas

Whereas, the City of Portland recognizes 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 of Portland exists at the confluence of the Willamette and Columbia rivers, which hold a rich and beautiful history of being home to villages and trade routes to the Indigenous People that have been in relation with the land long before the westward expansion of European-American settlements in this country; and

Whereas, Indigenous People continue to fight passionately for their community, way of life, and the wellbeing of the land they have been stewards of since time immemorial; and

Whereas, the City of Portland has a responsibility to oppose the institutional racism impacting Indigenous People who continue to face hardships as a result of centuries of neglectful policies and actions responsible for the present-day disproportionate outcomes in health, education, and economic mobility; and

Whereas, the City recognizes that during this year, conditions faced by tribal nations and Indigenous People have been further exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic; and

Whereas, the City recognizes the solidarity shown by the Indigenous community for the Black Lives Matter movement and the importance of uplifting the Afro-Indigenous and African-Indigenous experience; 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, the 2020 Indigenous Peoples' Day shall be used to express a commitment to the prosperity and well-being of Indigenous People through City policies, practices, advocacy, and investments that ensure greater access and opportunity, while honoring our nation's Indigenous history and contributions;

Now, therefore, Ted Wheeler, Mayor of the City of Portland, Oregon, the "City of Roses" do hereby proclaim October 12th, 2020 to be

Indigenous Peoples' Day

in Portland and encourage all residents to observe this day.

