

Regional Collaborative Land Acknowledgement Project

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What is a Land Acknowledgement?

A land acknowledgement is a formal statement that recognizes the unique relationship that exists between Indigenous peoples and their traditional territories, and the unique political status that Indigenous people and tribal governments hold.



PROJECT BACKGROUND EST. 2018

- Consulted City Attorney's Office
- Conducted local research
- Established internal workgroup
- Regional partnerships emerged

City of Portland Work Group



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REGIONAL PARTNERS































PROJECT COMPONENTS

City Workgroup

- Policy
- Guidebook
- Engagement

Contractor(s)

- Fact-Finding
 - Historic
 - Legal
 - Tribal

Writers/Scholars

Language

WRITERS & SCHOLARS



Elizabeth Woody



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LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS ARE A FIRST STEP, NOT THE END.

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY

Explore exchanging
Presidents' Day for
Indigenous Peoples Day as a
paid holiday for City
employees.



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

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.

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;

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

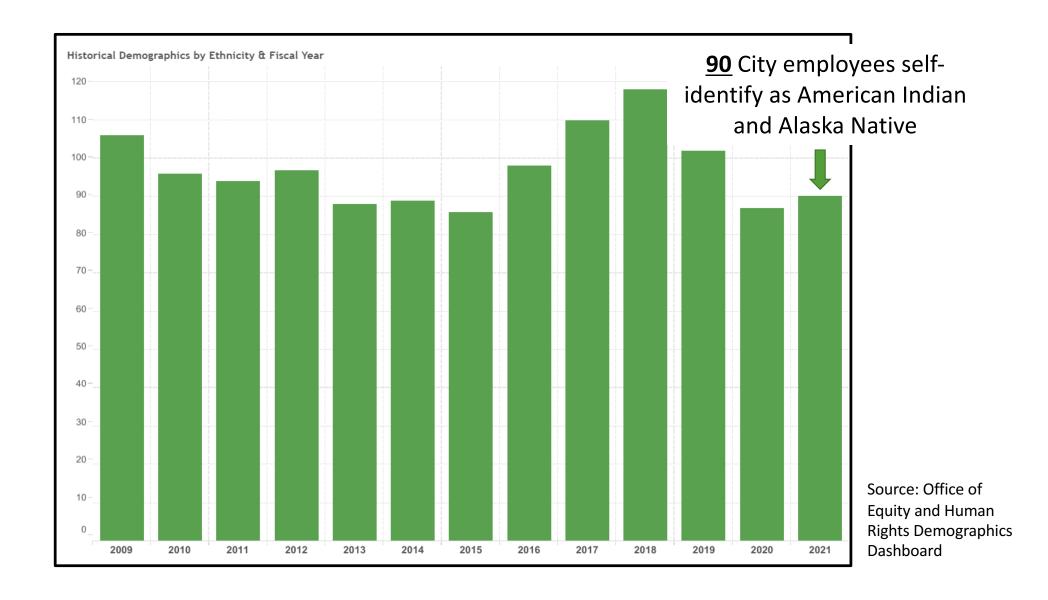
in Portland, and encourage all residents, businesses, organizations and public institutions to observe this day by reflecting upon the ongoing struggles of Indigenous Peoples on this land, and to celebrate the thrivino culture and value that Indigenous Peoples add to our city.

PARK FEE WAIVERS





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MANDATORY TRAINING

Senate Bill 13

- Enacted in 2017 by Oregon Legislature
- Directs the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) to create K-12 Native American Curriculum for inclusion in Oregon public schools and provide professional development to educators.
- ODE is also to provide funds to each of the nine federally recognized tribes in Oregon to create individual placebased curriculum



BUREAU WORK PLANS & REPORTS

Work Plans – Due April 30th every year

 Detail strategic actions to collaborate with sovereign tribal nations and City service to the urban Native community

Reports – Due April 30th every year

 Include Tribal Relations engagement, outcomes, and recruitment and hiring practices

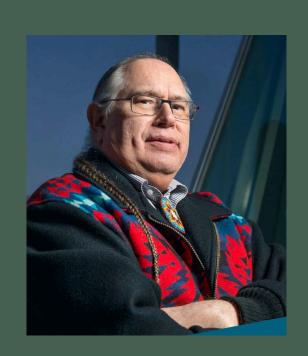
GUEST SPEAKERS

David Grandfield

Parks & Recreation

Elizabeth Woody 2016-18 Oregon Poet Laureate

ADDITIONAL TESTIMONY



Terry Cross

Enrolled member of the Seneca Nation Founder and Senior Advisor, NICWA Community Budget Advisory Board Member

QUESTIONS?

