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Proclamation

Proclaim May 5, 2022 Missing and Murdered Indigenous People Awareness Day

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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

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Introduced by

[Mayor Ted Wheeler](#)

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Requested Agenda Type

Time Certain

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Agenda Items

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