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Proclamation

Proclaim October 19, 2022 to be Portland Trail Blazers Day

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Whereas, the Trail Blazers joined the National Basketball Association in 1970, as an expansion team secured by Founder Harry Glickman, and were led by coach Rolland Todd, aka Mod Todd; and

Whereas, Portland's beloved moniker "RIP CITY" was coined by the legendary Bill Schonely—the voice of the Trail Blazers from 1970-98—during an electrifying moment at a Trail Blazers game against the Los Angeles Lakers on February 18th, 1971; and

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Introduced by

[Mayor Ted Wheeler](#);
[Commissioner Dan Ryan](#)

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Requested Agenda Type

Regular

Date and Time Information

Requested Council Date

October 19, 2022

Time Requested

15 minutes

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Documents and Exhibits

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