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## 349-2023

Proclamation

### Proclaim May 5, 2023 to be Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous People

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Regular

Date and Time Information

Requested Council Date

May 3, 2023

Time Requested

20 minutes

## Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous People

In Portland and encourage all residents to observe this day.

### Documents and Exhibits

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### Agenda Items

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