

CITY OF
PORTLAND

Whereas, Native Americans, the indigenous peoples of this land, flourish with vibrant cultures, developed one of the largest trade economies and are the original stewards of Mother Earth; and

Whereas, the city of Portland now rests on lands at the confluence of the Willamette and Columbia rivers, a major crossroads for the economic, social and political interactions of the indigenous tribes for thousands of years; and

Whereas, Indigenous People hand down oral histories, science, governance, a distinct relationship with water, land, rocks, trees, birds, fish and animals and invaluable cultural knowledge and rich traditions that continue to thrive in Portland; and

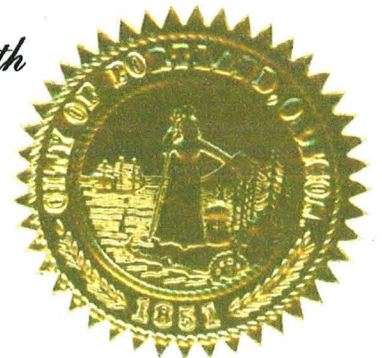
Whereas, Indigenous People who have been here since time immemorial continue to contribute immeasurably to our county, state and city's heritage, distinguishing themselves as scholars, veterans, teachers, athletes, artists, entrepreneurs and leaders; and

Whereas, The Indigenous population of Portland is the 23rd largest in the United States and nearly 16,000 people, descended from more than 380 tribes/bands from across the nation; and

Whereas, The community continues to contribute to the cultural fabric of the city of Portland through many events throughout the year such as traditional pow wows, festivals, celebrations, active community organizations and tribal intergovernmental relationships;

Now, therefore, I, Sam Adams, Mayor of the City of Portland, Oregon, the "City of Roses," call upon all citizens of Portland to commemorate this month with appropriate programs and activities, and to celebrate the month of November, 2012 as

Native American Heritage Month



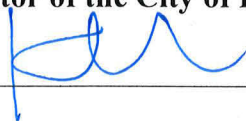
Proclaim November 2012 as Native American Heritage Month (Proclamation introduced by Mayor Adams)

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