




## PORTLAND PARKS & RECREATION

Healthy Parks, Healthy Portland

TO: Portland City Council

FROM: Warren Jimenez, Assistant Director 

DATE: October 30, 2014

RE: Native American Heritage Month Proclamation

November is Native American Heritage Month. It is the perfect time to celebrate the richness of culture, tradition and important contributions of Native people.

In 2010, in collaboration with Native communities and local tribes, Portland Parks & Recreation (PP&R) co-created the Native American Community Advisory Council (NACAC), with the understanding that the Willamette Valley and Columbia River peoples are the original stewards of this region's land.

In this November 5 presentation, you will have the opportunity to hear from NACAC members on recent accomplishments we can collectively celebrate.

For the entirety of November, Portland Parks & Recreation (PP&R), in collaboration with the NACAC recognizes Native American Heritage Month and invites the Portland community to participate in this celebration.

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*Sustaining a healthy park and recreation system to make Portland a great place to live, work and play.*



# Whereas

*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, native plants, birds, fish and animals and invaluable cultural knowledge and rich traditions that continue to thrive in Portland supporting Community health; 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 the Portland Metro area is over 40,000 people, descended from more than 380 tribes/bands from across the nation; and

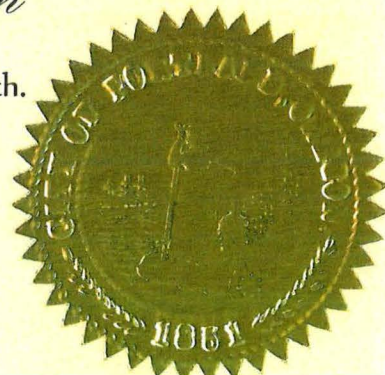
*Whereas,* the Community continues to contribute to the cultural fabric of the City of Portland through many events throughout the year such as traditional pow wows, festivals, celebrations, active community organizations and tribal intergovernmental relationships;

*Now, Therefore,* I, Charlie Hales, Mayor of the City of Portland, Oregon, the "City of Roses", do hereby proclaim November 2014 to be

*Native American Heritage Month*

in Portland, and encourage all residents to observe this month.

*Charlie Hales*





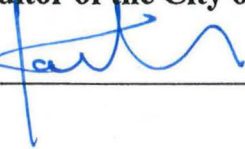
Proclaim November 2014 to be Native American Heritage Month in Portland  
(Proclamation introduced by Mayor Hales and Commissioner Fritz.)

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