

Whereas

Whereas, the City of Portland recognizes that the Indigenous People of the lands that would later become known as the Americas have occupied these lands since time immemorial; and

Whereas, the City recognizes the fact that Portland is built upon the homelands and villages, and traditional use areas of the Multnomah and Clackamas Chinookan of this region, without whom the building of the city would not be possible; 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; and

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

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 City of Portland has a responsibility to oppose the systematic racism towards Indigenous Peoples of the United States, which perpetuates high rates of poverty and income inequality, exacerbating disproportionate health, education, and social crises; and

Whereas, the City promotes the closing of the equity gap for Indigenous Peoples through policies, practices and investments that reflect the experiences of Indigenous Peoples, ensuring greater access and opportunity, and honoring our nation's Indigenous history and contributions; and

Whereas, the City of Portland continues to promote the prosperity and well-being of the American Indian, Alaska Native, and Indigenous community; and

Whereas, on October 7, 2015, Portland City Council passed a resolution resolving that the City of Portland shall recognize Indigenous Peoples' Day on the second Monday of October;

Now, Therefore, I, Charlie Hales, Mayor of the City of Portland, Oregon, the "City of Roses," do hereby proclaim October 10, 2016 to be

Indigenous Peoples' Day

in Portland, and encourage all residents, businesses, organizations and public institutions to observe this day by reflecting upon the ongoing struggles of Indigenous Peoples on this land, and to celebrate the thriving culture and value that Indigenous Peoples add to our city.

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Proclaim October 10, 2016 to be Indigenous Peoples' Day in Portland
(Proclamation introduced by Mayor Hales)

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MARY HULL CABALLERO
Auditor of the City of Portland

By  _____

COMMISSIONERS VOTED AS FOLLOWS:		
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1. Fritz		
2. Fish		
3. Saltzman		
4. Novick		
Hales		