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## 361-2024

Proclamation

### Proclaim May 5, 2024 to be Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives Day of Awareness

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Whereas, the City of Portland stands with Tribal, local, state, regional, and national governments, and organizations across the country for National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives, referred to as MMIR; and

Whereas, lasting effects of colonization, harmful/oppressive government policies, and white supremacy directly correlate to the rise of violence against Indigenous women, girls, men, boys, and two spirit relatives in the United States, Canada, Mexico, and Central America; and

Whereas, disappearances and murders of Indigenous relatives is directly connected to domestic and other forms of violence, sexual assault, and trafficking along with a history of childhood, intergenerational, and historic trauma; and

Whereas, these acts of violence, systemic neglect of this issue, and lack of justice for Indigenous relatives is a continued form of genocide and a direct threat to Tribal sovereignty recognized by the City of Portland; and

Whereas, Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives are not isolated to reservations or rural communities, but impact urban areas like the Portland metropolitan region; and

Whereas, in a 2022 report to U.S. Congress, 84% of American Indian and Alaska Native women and 82% of American Indian and Alaska Native men reported experiencing violent victimizations in their lifetimes; and

Whereas, the City of Portland staunchly supports Tribal Governments and Tribal communities' efforts to increase awareness and action on the issue of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives through programs, policies, and activities; and

Whereas, the City of Portland recognizes the importance of engaging with the Portland Urban Indian Community in conversation and action on how to address systemic issues that contribute to Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives.

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Requested Agenda Type

Regular

Date and Time Information

**Requested Council Date**

May 8, 2024

**Time Requested**


20 minutes

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Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives Day of Awareness


In the greater Portland region and encourage businesses, organizations, public institutions, and community members to wear red to show solidarity, support, and raise awareness about this epidemic, systemic barriers, and the injustices Indigenous Peoples continue to face.

Documents and Exhibits

 [Proclamation \(English\)](https://www.portland.gov/sites/default/files/council-documents/2024/missing-and-murdered-indigenous-relatives-awareness-day-proclamation-2024.pdf)

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 [Proclamation \(Chinook Wawa\)](https://www.portland.gov/sites/default/files/council-documents/2024/missing-and-murdered-indigenous-relatives-awareness-day-proclamation-2024-chinook-wawa.pdf)

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Agenda Items

361 Regular Agenda in [May 8, 2024 Council Agenda](https://www.portland.gov/council/agenda/2024/5/8)  
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*kakwa,* uk poʔland iliʔi miʔayt k<sup>h</sup>apa tayi-la pi shawash-la k<sup>h</sup>anumakwst kanawi tilixam pi hayash wawa Kakwa uk wik ʔwap pi k<sup>h</sup>ata miməlust ʔushmən pi insayka tilixam, uk santi chaku kəmtəks. insayka kəmtəks uk “mmir”

*kakwa,* uk munk hilu shawash tilixam kakwa bostən tilixam munk pi wik k<sup>h</sup>əpit. uk tayi tilixam munk kəmtəks ʔaska k<sup>h</sup>əpit bostən dret ʔush wawa. ukuk wik ʔush kəmtəks munk Hayu wik ʔush ikta, tilixam p<sup>h</sup>əq, t<sup>h</sup>seq<sup>h</sup>ən pi munk miməlust k<sup>h</sup>apa shawash ʔuchmən, ʔuchmən tənəs, man, man tənəs, makwst t<sup>h</sup>əmanəwas k<sup>h</sup>apa kanawi shawash iliʔi. uk p<sup>h</sup>asayuks-iliʔi pi spanyol-iliʔi

*kakwa,* uk miməlust pi wik ʔwap k<sup>h</sup>anumakwst tilixam p<sup>h</sup>əq pi t<sup>h</sup>seq<sup>h</sup>ən, tilixam makuk tilixam, pi hayu q<sup>h</sup>ata k<sup>h</sup>apa insayka tənəs-tənəs, kanawai tilixam iləp insayka pi kanawi tilixam k<sup>h</sup>imt<sup>h</sup>a insayka, pi anqati wik ʔush munk sik-təmtəm

*kakwa,* uk wik ʔush p<sup>h</sup>əq pi t<sup>h</sup>seq<sup>h</sup>ən, tayi tilixam mash la, pi Insayka (poʔland iliʔi) munk kəmtəks shawash-tilixam ʔaska chaku-hilu wəxt, munk ʔaq, munk hilu shawash tilixam kakwa bostən tilixam munk pi wik ʔaska k<sup>h</sup>apit. pus ʔaska wik k<sup>h</sup>apit hilu ʔush ikta miʔayt k<sup>h</sup>apa shawash tilixam la

*kakwa,* uk miməlust pi wik ʔwap k<sup>h</sup>anumakwst tilixam wik miʔayt k<sup>h</sup>əpit shawash iliʔi ʔaska kanawi ka, k<sup>h</sup>apa poʔland

*kakwa,* makwst-taʔlam tak<sup>h</sup>umunaq pi makwst-taʔlam pi makwst pipa wawa k<sup>h</sup>apa tayi-la-tilixam. stuxtkin-taʔlam pi lakit shawash ʔuchmən pi stuxtkin-taʔlam pi makwst shawash man t<sup>h</sup>uʔan wik ʔush p<sup>h</sup>əq, t<sup>h</sup>seq<sup>h</sup>ən, pi sik-təmtəm k<sup>h</sup>apa ʔaska

*kakwa,* uk poʔland iliʔi wawa skukum shawash la pi tilixam. hayu ʔush wawa pus tilixam kəmtəks miməlust pi wik ʔwap k<sup>h</sup>anumakwst tilixam

*kakwa,* uk poʔland iliʔi nanich wawa uk dret ʔush ikta pus ʔaska munk k<sup>h</sup>anumakwst uk poʔland shawash tilixam. pus insayka wawa wawa ʔaska yeʔlan pi munk ʔush la t<sup>h</sup>səm. ukuk yeʔlan miməlust pi wik ʔwap k<sup>h</sup>anumakwst tilixam.

*alta, ukuk tayi,* man ted wheeler, tayi pus połand ili?i wawa qwinəm mun pi qwinəm san,  
makwst tałlam tak'umunaq pi makwst tałlam pi lakit k<sup>h</sup>ul. miməlust pi wik łwap k<sup>h</sup>anu-  
makwst tilixam san pi munk ye?lan. k<sup>h</sup>apa połand ili?i ukuk makuk-haus pi tilixam yakwa  
miłayt k<sup>h</sup>anumakwst pus łaska t'u?an pil ikta. ukuk munk ye?lan shawash tilixam.