

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROCLAIMING) RESOLUTION NO. 18-4936
OCTOBER 8, 2018 AS INDIGENOUS PEOPLES')
DAY IN THE GREATER PORTLAND AREA) Introduced by Council President Tom Hughes

WHEREAS, Metro is committed to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion to address systemic inequities that impact our communities by providing support and tools to Metro staff, Metro Council, and community partners to create an equitable region for all; and

WHEREAS, Metro recognizes that American Indians and Alaska Natives have lived on these lands we all cherish since time immemorial; and

WHEREAS, it is important for us to never forget American history through the perspective of Native people in our country because it reminds us of forced migration, broken treaties, and other injustices that should never be repeated. This history is a lesson to all of us of the perseverance and resilience of Native people in the face of these injustices and the continued integrity and vitality of their cultures and their governments. As we work together to forge a brighter future, we cannot shy away from the difficult aspects of our past; and

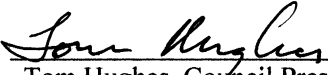
WHEREAS, Metro recognizes that Oregon's tribal people were impacted by the Western Oregon Indian Termination Act that was passed by the U.S. Congress in 1954. As a result of this act, many tribal governments were abolished and their members were relocated to urban areas, making Portland the 9th largest urban Indian population in the United States, with over 40,000 tribal people representing 380 tribes; and

WHEREAS, Native people have contributed to the unique culture of the greater Portland area and this country, with a special emphasis on traditional ecological knowledge and core values that go beyond materialism. Today, Native Americans are leaders in every aspect of our society – from the classroom, to the boardroom, to the battlefield; and

WHEREAS, recognizing Indigenous Peoples' Day shall be an opportunity to celebrate the thriving traditions and deeply rooted values of the Indigenous people who reside in the greater Portland area, and of course, their ancestors before them; now therefore:


BE IT RESOLVED that the Metro Council proclaims October 8, 2018 as Indigenous Peoples' Day in the greater Portland area to honor and celebrate the many contributions made by the Indigenous peoples throughout our vibrant community. We encourage other businesses, organizations, public institutions, and community members to recognize Indigenous Peoples' Day and take time to learn and teach others about the history and cultural significance of the American Indian and Alaska Native community.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 4th day of October 2018.



Tom Hughes, Council President

Approved as to Form:



Nathan A. S. Sykes
Acting Metro Attorney

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Date: October 4, 2018

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BACKGROUND

The Native people in our country have suffered forced migration, broken treaties, and other injustices that should never be repeated. This history is a lesson to all of us of the perseverance and resilience of Native people in the face of these injustices and the continued integrity and vitality of their cultures and their governments.

The second Monday in October is recognized by the federal government as Columbus Day. However, Columbus Day is not recognized by the State of Oregon. Since 2015, Metro has joined other local governments from around the greater Portland area in recognizing the important history and culture of Indigenous People in our community, country, and around the world.

In May 2017, the Metro Council adopted an updated Diversity Action Plan, following Council's adoption of the Strategic Plan to Advance Racial Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion in 2016. Together, these policies seek to address systemic inequities and create a more equitable region for all by focusing on racial equity, diversity and inclusion of historically marginalized communities in every aspect of Metro's work. Several Metro departments, including the Oregon Zoo, Parks and Nature, Planning and Development, and Property and Environmental Services, have been completing departmental racial equity action plans to implement the strategic plan.

Declaring October 8, 2018 as the fourth annual Indigenous Peoples' Day in the greater Portland area will honor, acknowledge, and celebrate the resiliency of Indigenous communities in this region and beyond.

ANALYSIS/INFORMATION

1. **Known Opposition** None
2. **Legal Antecedents** Metro Council Resolution No. 15-4663; Metro Council Resolution No. 16-4748; Metro Council Resolution No. 17-4851
3. **Anticipated Effects** Declaring October 8, 2018 as the fourth annual Indigenous Peoples' Day in the greater Portland area will honor, acknowledge, and celebrate the resiliency of Indigenous communities.
4. **Budget Impacts** None

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