

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROCLAIMING THE)	RESOLUTION NO. 22-5286
SECOND MONDAY OF EVERY OCTOBER AS)	
INDIGENOUS PEOPLES’ DAY IN THE)	Introduced by Chief Operating Officer
GREATER PORTLAND AREA)	Marissa Madrigal in concurrence with Council President Lynn Peterson

WHEREAS, Indigenous Tribes and bands have been with the lands that we inhabit today throughout Oregon and the Northwest since time immemorial and continue to be a vibrant part of the region today; and

WHEREAS, Metro would like to express our respect to the First Peoples of this land; and

WHEREAS, it is important that we recognize and honor the ongoing legal and spiritual relationship between the land, plants, animals, and people indigenous to what we now call Oregon and the Northwest; and

WHEREAS, we recognize the pre-existing and continued sovereignty of the federally recognized Tribes who have ties to what is now known as greater Portland, and thank them for continuing to share their traditional ecological knowledge and perspective on how we might care for one another and the land, so it can take care of us; and

WHEREAS, the interconnectedness of the people, the land and the natural environment cannot be overstated; the health of one is necessary for the health of all; and

WHEREAS, the historical and contemporary contributions and innovations of Indigenous Peoples to the arts, education, health, economic development, environmental stewardship and civic community make the greater Portland area and Oregon a better place to live and work; and

WHEREAS, it is important to never forget the history of violence in Oregon and the United States, forced migration, thefts of lands and resources, broken treaties, termination, relocation, and other assimilative policies that we resolve to never repeat; and

WHEREAS, the recognition and celebration of Indigenous Peoples’ Day transforms a celebration of colonialism, conquest, enslavement and genocide into a commitment to emphasize and realize a new future through partnerships and celebration of the enduring traditions, languages, governments and histories of Indigenous Peoples; and

WHEREAS, on October 12, 2020, Metro Council passed a resolution resolving that Metro shall recognize the second Monday of every October as Indigenous Peoples’ Day; and

WHEREAS, Metro has a responsibility to oppose the systematic racism and exclusion of Indigenous Peoples in the greater Metro area through policies and practices that uphold tribal rights, ensure greater access and opportunity, and create educational opportunities for the public; and

WHEREAS, Metro shall continue its efforts to partner with tribal sovereigns and Indigenous Peoples to promote prosperity and well-being in our community through implementing our programs and

activities within the context of honoring and respecting tribal rights, cultural heritage and the pursuit of traditional lifeways for present and future generations; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that Metro shall recognize every second Monday in October as Indigenous Peoples' Day to honor and celebrate the many sacrifices and significant contributions made by Tribes and Indigenous Peoples throughout our vibrant community, and Metro encourages all businesses, organizations, public institutions, and community members to recognize Indigenous Peoples' Day and to deepen their understanding of the history and cultural significance of the Indigenous Peoples and Tribes of this land.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this sixth day of October, 2022.



Lynn Peterson, Council President

Approved as to Form:



Carrie MacLaren, Metro Attorney