

PROCLAMATION

- Whereas, we acknowledge the legacy of the Shasta people, who are the original inhabitants of the lands in what is now called Ashland; and
- Whereas, we recognize that the indigenous people of Ashland and the Rogue Valley were forcibly removed from their homeland, in 1856; and
- Whereas, we recognize that our country was built on aboriginal land and we pay tribute to the tribal sovereign nations who have and continue to maintain the health and beauty of these lands, in and surrounding Ashland, through the careful stewardship of forest, watersheds and wildlife; and
- Whereas, we recognize that Land Acknowledgment is morally and ethically correct and a necessary step toward honoring Native communities and enacting the much larger intention of healing and reconciliation — also recognizing that the first people, their tribal governments and traditional communities are still here; including the present and future descendants of the Shasta, as well as the diverse Inter-Tribal communities who make their home here today; and
- Now, Therefore Let It Be Resolved, The Ashland City Council, by consensus, hereby declares to codify a formal land acknowledgement of the Shasta Nation, the Ikirakutsum Band from the village of K'wakhakha (Ashland City Plaza). “Where the crow lights”
- Let It Therefore Further Be Resolved, The Ashland City Council, though this proclamation will hereinafter state the following land acknowledgement prior to Ashland City Council Meetings:
We acknowledge and honor the aboriginal people on whose ancestral homelands we live, —the Ikirakutsum Band of the Shasta Nation, including the original past indigenous inhabitants, as well as the diverse Native communities who make their home here today. We also recognize and acknowledge the Shasta village of K'wakhakha — “Where the Crow lights”—that is now the Ashland City Plaza.
- NOW, THEREFORE, I, Julie Anne Akins, Mayor of Ashland, do hereby proclaim that Land Acknowledgement, will be part of our City Council Meetings hereafter as

Dated this day February 2, 2021

Julie Akins, Mayor

Melissa Huhtala, City Recorder