

## PROCLAMATION

- The City Council of the City of Ashland recognizes that the Indigenous Peoples of the lands (later known as the Americas) have lived on these lands since time immemorial.
- The City Council honors the fact that the community of Ashland is built upon the traditional homelands of the Takelma, Shasta and Klamath Basin Peoples and affirms the legal rights of the nine federally recognized tribal nations in the State of Oregon and all Indigenous Peoples everywhere.
- Indigenous Peoples' Day was first proposed in 1977 by a delegation of Native Nations to the United Nations sponsored International Conference on Discrimination Against Indigenous populations in the Americas.
- The City of Ashland is committed to protecting and advocating for justice, human rights, and the dignity of all people who live, work and visit in Ashland, and to supporting the principles contained in the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (the "Declaration") endorsed by the United States on December 16, 2010.
- The Declaration recognizes the right of Indigenous Peoples "to the dignity and diversity of their cultures, traditions, histories and aspirations which shall be appropriately reflected in education and public information," and places an obligation on States to "take effective measures, in consultation and cooperation with the Indigenous Peoples concerned, to combat prejudice and eliminate discrimination and to promote tolerance, understanding and good relations among Indigenous Peoples and all other segments of society".
- On August 1, 2017, the Ashland City Council unanimously approved a resolution establishing the second Monday in October as Indigenous Peoples' Day as an opportunity for the community to reflect on the ongoing struggles of Indigenous People of this land, to celebrate the thriving cultures and values of the Indigenous Peoples of our region, and to stand in solidarity with Indigenous Peoples everywhere
- Furthermore, the resolution encourages other businesses, organizations and public institutions to recognize Indigenous Peoples' Day in Ashland the second Monday of each October.

NOW THEREFORE, THE City Council and Mayor, on behalf of the citizens of Ashland, hereby proclaim October 11, 2021 as:

"Indigenous Peoples' Day"

in the City of Ashland and encourage all residents, businesses, organizations and public institutions to acknowledge, honor, value and celebrate Indigenous Peoples' historic and current contributions locally and beyond, while also recognizing the ongoing and interconnected struggles of all Indigenous communities locally and beyond.

Signed this 5<sup>th</sup> day of October 2021.

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Julie Akins, Mayor

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Melissa Huhtala, City Recorder