

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON**

PROCLAMATION NO. _____

Proclaiming October 12, 2015 as Indigenous People's Day in Multnomah County,
Oregon

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners finds:

- a. The American Indian and Indigenous people's heritage of the United States extends since time immemorial and has been a vital influence in our country's prosperity.
- b. Our entire County rests on the ceded territory of the Indigenous Tribal Nations of this region and their homelands and villages. We acknowledge the loss of life of Indigenous peoples when European explorers came to this Country.
- c. The name "Multnomah" is itself an Indigenous word, intended to honor the Multnomah people and their descendants who have inhabited this area since time immemorial.
- d. We value the many contributions made to our community by Tribes and Indigenous Peoples, including their knowledge, labor, technology, science, philosophy, arts, and the deep cultural contribution that has substantially shaped the character of our region.
- e. Indigenous People's Day shall be an opportunity to celebrate the thriving traditions and deeply rooted values of the Indigenous People who reside in Multnomah County, and of course, their ancestors before them.
- f. By honoring and celebrating our region's first peoples, we are reclaiming a piece of history and choosing to no longer observe a time of genocide.
- g. Today Multnomah County recognizes the more than 40,000 American Indians living in our region and honors the important role that Tribes and Tribal Leaders play in sustaining our culture, promoting community health, and making positive impacts every day in the lives of the people of Multnomah County.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Proclaims:

Proclaiming October 12, 2015 as Indigenous People's Day in Multnomah County Oregon, 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 around the history and cultural significance of our county and indigenous community.

ADOPTED this 8th day of October, 2015

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON**

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