

# Proclamation

## Indigenous Peoples' Day

**WHEREAS**, the City of Grants Pass recognizes that the Indigenous People of the lands that would later become known as the Americas have occupied these lands since time immemorial; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council honors the fact that the City of Grants Pass is built upon the traditional homelands of the Takelma Peoples and affirms the legal rights of the nine federally recognized tribal nations in the state of Oregon and all Indigenous Peoples everywhere; and

**WHEREAS**, 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; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States endorsed the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples on December 16, 2010, and the Declaration recognizes that "indigenous peoples have suffered from historic injustices as a result of their colonization and dispossession of their lands, territories and resources"; and

**WHEREAS**, the City recognizes the value of many contributions made to our community through Indigenous Peoples' knowledge, labor, spirituality, technology, science, philosophy, arts and the cultural contribution that shaped the character of Grants Pass; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Grants Pass has a responsibility to oppose the systematic racism towards Indigenous Peoples in the United States, which perpetuates high rates of poverty and income inequality, exacerbates disproportionate health, education, and social stability;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the City of Grants Pass shall recognize Indigenous Peoples' Day on the second Monday in October.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City of Grants Pass shall continue its efforts to promote the prosperity and well-being of the American Indian, Alaska native, and Indigenous community; and that Indigenous Peoples' Day shall be used to reflect upon the ongoing struggles of Indigenous People on this land, to celebrate the thriving culture and value that Indigenous Peoples add to our city; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City of Grants Pass encourages other businesses, organizations, and public institutions to recognize Indigenous Peoples' Day.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Grants Pass, Oregon, to be affixed this 11<sup>th</sup> day of October 2021.



  
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Mayor Sara Bristol