

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, from time immemorial Oregon Lands have been home to many Indigenous peoples including members of the Santiam Kalapuya whose ancestral homelands include the area known as Salem-Keizer today, and throughout the surrounding Willamette Valley area including what is now the city of Salem. They have lived and prospered by maintaining strong cultural ties to the land, and through wise management of resources; and

WHEREAS, in 2020 the City of Salem signed an agreement with the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon and in 2021 the City signed an agreement with the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians in order to strengthen the relationship between the City and the Tribes; and

WHEREAS, the Santiam Kalapuya were signers of the Willamette Valley Treaty of 1855, which ceded their homelands to the United States in exchange for certain goods and benefits, while affirming other pre-existing rights. Many were subsequently removed from their homelands to the Grand Ronde Indian Reservation where they became members of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde. Others were moved to the Siletz Coast Reservation where they became members of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians of Oregon; and

WHEREAS, in later years some Santiam Kalapuya married with other indigenous peoples and relocated to other reservations including Warm Springs where they became members of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs. These Tribes and others have moving stories of tragedy, triumph, and perseverance that need to be shared with future generations; and

WHEREAS, we affirm our commitment to fostering a deeper understanding and appreciation for the diversity of cultures and celebrating all that Indigenous People do to cultivate a community that honors and respects the diverse history of Salem.

WHEREAS, on May 18, 2021 the Oregon Legislative Assembly approved House Bill 2526 approving the second Monday in October as Indigenous People's Day; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Chris Hoy, Council President of the Salem City Council, do hereby proclaim October 11, 2021, as

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY

and encourage residents to join in learning about and honoring the culture and recognize the contributions of Indigenous People have made to our country, our state, and to our community.

DATED this eleventh day of October 2021.

Chris Hoy
Council President

