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PROCLAMATION

RECOGNIZING OCTOBER 9, 2023 AS INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Portland recognizes that Portland was founded and is built upon lands first inhabited by the Indigenous People of this Aucocisco (Casco Bay) region, The Maliseet/Wolastoqiyik, Mi'kmaq, Penobscot and Passamaquoddy tribes, known collectively as the Wabanaki Confederacy, or "People of the Dawnland"; and

WHEREAS, the City of Portland recognizes that the Indigenous Peoples of the lands that would later become known as the Americas have inhabited these lands since time immemorial; and

WHEREAS, the history of this Nation includes the forcible removal of Indigenous Peoples from their ancestral lands, forcing assimilation, and nearly erasing the vibrant cultures of our first environmental stewards; and

WHEREAS, the City of Portland recognizes that confronting our past requires strong self-reflection, honesty, and accountability to do better than those who came before us for the benefit of the next seven generations and this work is done in partnership with our sovereign Indigenous Nations; and

WHEREAS, the City of Portland is proud to be included in a growing number of cities and towns in the United States to have recognized the second Monday of October as Indigenous Peoples' Day, thereby creating an opportunity to reflect on our past, learn about and celebrate Indigenous Peoples, their resiliency, and their very real modern presence in our community, not just a relic of the past; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Kate Snyder, Mayor of the City of Portland, Maine, and the members of the Portland City Council do recognize Monday, October 9, 2023 as Indigenous Peoples' Day, and encourage residents to acknowledge and honor the First Nations members of our community, past and present, without whom the creation of this country would not have been possible.

Signed and sealed this 2nd day of October, 2023



**Kate Snyder, Mayor
City of Portland**