



Proclamation

WHEREAS, in 1977, the International Conference on Discrimination Against Indigenous Populations in the Americas, sponsored by the United Nations, began to discuss replacing Columbus Day in the Americas with a celebration to be known as Indigenous Peoples' Day; and,

WHEREAS, The United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) was adopted by the General Assembly on Thursday, 13 September 2007, and the United States endorsed the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (the "Declaration") on 16 December 2010; and,

WHEREAS, the UN Declaration begins by:

“Affirming that indigenous peoples are equal to all other peoples, while recognizing the right of all peoples to be different, to consider themselves different, and to be respected as such,

Affirming also that all peoples contribute to the diversity and richness of civilizations and cultures, which constitute the common heritage of humankind,

Affirming further that all doctrines, policies and practices based on or advocating superiority of peoples or individuals on the basis of national origin or racial, religious, ethnic or cultural differences are racist, scientifically false, legally invalid, morally condemnable and socially unjust”; and

WHEREAS, in August 1953, Termination to strip the Tribal nations of the United States of their identity, force assimilation into mainstream American culture, and deny the rights of self-determination enshrined in the 374 United States – Indian treaties established from 1778 to 1872, was begun when the 83rd Congress approved House Concurrent Resolution 108, which directed the government “as rapidly as possible, to make the Indians within the territorial limits of the United States subject to the same laws and entitled to the same privileges and responsibilities as are applicable to other citizens of the United States, and to end their status as wards of the United States, and to grant them all of the rights and prerogatives pertaining to American citizenship; and,

WHEREAS, in 1977, the first Restoration of Oregon Tribes was achieved with recognition of the Siletz Tribe, and has been completed for nine Tribes which have been persistent in rebuilding their nations and controlling their own destiny; and,

WHEREAS, the people of the city of Keizer, recognize and acknowledge that the city is built upon the homelands of the peoples of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians and Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde and further recognize and acknowledge the many contributions made to our community through their knowledge, labor, spirituality, technology, science, philosophy, arts and culture.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Cathy Clark, Mayor of the City of Keizer, together with the Keizer City Council assembled in Regular Session, do hereby proclaim October 10, 2022 as

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY

AND FURTHER proclaim that the City of Keizer shall continue its efforts to promote the prosperity, dignity, respect, and well-being of Indigenous persons in our community and shall encourage businesses, organizations and public institutions to do the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Keizer to be affixed this 3rd day of October, 2022.

Cathy Clark

MAYOR CATHY CLARK