



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the holiday known as Columbus Day commemorates the Italian Explorer Christopher Columbus and his voyages to the "New World"; and,

WHEREAS, Columbus Day has been a federal holiday since 1937; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Coos Bay (City) recognizes that the Indigenous Peoples of the lands that would later become known as the Americas have occupied these lands since time immemorial; and,

WHEREAS, the City recognizes the fact that Coos Bay is built upon the homelands and villages of the Indigenous Peoples of this region; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes and values the many contributions made to our community through Indigenous Peoples' knowledge, labor, technology, science, philosophy, arts and the deep cultural contribution; and

WHEREAS, the City understands that to help enhance the understanding of Indigenous Peoples they, with other government entities, organizations and other public institutions should include an acknowledgement of its American Indian history experiences; 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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rob Miles, City Council President of the City of Coos Bay, and on behalf of Mayor Joe Benetti, do hereby proclaim recognition of the second Monday in October as

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY

and encourage other businesses, organizations and public entities to recognize Indigenous Peoples Day.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED, in recognition of Indigenous Peoples Day and the past and ongoing contributions made to our community by Indigenous Peoples, governmental flags of the Coquille Indian Tribe, the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians, and the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians shall be flown along the Coos Bay Boardwalk.



In witness thereof, I hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Coos Bay to be affixed on this 4th day of October 2022.

Rob Miles, Council President
on behalf of Mayor Joe Benetti