



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the City of Coos Bay recognizes the Indigenous peoples of the lands that would later become known as the Americas have lived on these lands since time immemorial; and

WHEREAS, the City honors the fact that the City of Coos Bay is built upon the traditional homelands of the Coquille Indian Tribe, Confederated Tribes of Coos Lower Umpqua & Siuslaw Indians and the Confederated Tribes of the Siletz Indians and recognizes the inherent sovereignty of the nine federally recognized tribal nations in the State of Oregon and all Indigenous peoples everywhere; and

WHEREAS, the City values the many contributions made to our community through Indigenous peoples' knowledge, labor, technology, science, philosophy, arts and the deep cultural contribution that has substantially shaped the character of the City of Coos Bay; 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 City is committed to protecting and advocating for justice, human rights, and the dignity of all people who live and work in Coos Bay and vows to uphold the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (the "Declaration") endorsed by the United States on December 16, 2010; and

WHEREAS, the Declaration recognizes the right of Indigenous peoples "to the dignity and diversity of their cultures, traditions, histories and aspirations which shall be appropriately reflected in education and public information," and places an obligation in States to "take effective measures, in consultation and cooperation with the Indigenous peoples concerned, to combat prejudice and eliminate discrimination and to promote tolerance, understanding and good relations among Indigenous peoples and all other segments of society."

~~NOW,~~ THEREFORE, I Joe Benetti, Mayor of Coos Bay do hereby proclaim October 9th, 2023 as

Indigenous Peoples Day

and ask the citizens of Coos Bay to utilize this day as an opportunity to reflect on the ongoing struggles of Indigenous people of this land, to celebrate the thriving cultures and values of the Indigenous Peoples of our region.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the city seal of the City of Coos Bay to be affixed on the 3rd day of October 2023.



Joe Benetti, Mayor