

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROCLAIMING MAY 5, 2018 AS A DAY OF AWARENESS FOR MISSING AND MURDERED NATIVE WOMEN AND GIRLS)	RESOLUTION NO. 18-4891
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)	Introduced by Council President Tom Hughes

WHEREAS, Metro stands with other tribal, local, regional, state and national governments and organizations in support of National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Native Women and Girls; and

WHEREAS, the lasting effect of colonization and a history of oppressive policies directly correlates to the rise of violence against Native women and girls, which is in direct conflict with tribal cultural values; and

WHEREAS, the disappearances and murders of Native women and girls is often directly connected to domestic violence, sexual assault or trafficking, which is a direct threat to tribal sovereignty and compromises Indian Country's ability to heal from historic trauma; and

WHEREAS, American Indian and Alaska Native women are 2.5 times more likely to experience violent crimes – and at least twice as likely to experience rape or sexual assault crimes – compared to all other races, according to a 2013 National Congress of American Indian Policy Research Center report; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Metro Council proclaims May 5, 2018 as a Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Native Women and Girls in the greater Portland region. We encourage other businesses, organizations, public institutions and community members to observe this day and learn and teach others about the acute crisis facing Native women and girls.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 3rd day of May 2018.

Shirley Craddick, Deputy Council President

Approved as to Form:

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