

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROCLAIMING MAY 5,)	RESOLUTION NO. 19-4992
2019 AS A DAY OF AWARENESS FOR)	
MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS)	Introduced by Council President Lynn
WOMEN	Peterson

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 Indigenous Women; and

WHEREAS, the lasting effect of colonization and history of oppressive policies directly correlates to the rise of violence against Indigenous women and girls in the United States, Canada, and Central America; and

WHEREAS, the disappearances and murders of Indigenous women and girls are often directly connected to domestic and other forms of violence, sexual assault, trafficking, and a history of childhood, intergenerational, and historical trauma; and

WHEREAS, these acts of violence and corresponding oversight and neglect of government law enforcement is a continued form of genocide and is a direct threat to tribal sovereignty, thus compromising Indian Country's self-determination and self-governance; and

WHEREAS, Metro recognizes that the issues of missing and murdered Indigenous women are not isolated to reservations or rural communities, but impact urban areas like the Portland metropolitan region; and

WHEREAS, Metro urges passage of House Bill 2625 at the Oregon Legislature, directing the Department of State Police to study how to increase and improve criminal justice resources for missing and murdered Native American women in Oregon; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Metro Council proclaims May 5, 2019, as Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women 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 Indigenous women.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 2nd day of May 2019.

Lynn Peterson, Council President

Approved as to Form:

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