

Whereas

kakwa, uk poʎland iliʒi miʎayt k^hapa tayi-la pi shawash-la k^hanumakwst kanawi tilixam pi hayash wawa Kakwa uk wik ʎwap pi k'ata miməlust ʎushmən pi insayka tilixam, uk santi chaku kəmtəks. insayka kəmtəks uk “mmir”

kakwa, uk munk hilu shawash tilixam kakwa bostən tilixam munk pi wik k^həpit. uk tayi tilixam munk kəmtəks ʎaska k^həpit bostən dret ʎush wawa. ukuk wik ʎush kəmtəks munk Hayu wik ʎush ikta, tilixam p'əq, t'seq^hən pi munk miməlust k^hapa shawash ʎuchmən, ʎuchmən tənəs, man, man tənəs, makwst t'əmanəwas k^hapa kanawi shawash iliʒi. uk p^hasayuks-iliʒi pi spanyol-iliʒi

kakwa, uk miməlust pi wik ʎwap k^hanumakwst tilixam p'əq pi t'seq^hən, tilixam makuk tilixam, pi hayu q^hata k^hapa insayka tənəs-tənəs, kanawai tilixam iləp insayka pi kanawi tilixam k^himt'a insayka, pi anqati wik ʎush munk sik-təmtəm

kakwa, uk wik ʎush p'əq pi t'seq^hən, tayi tilixam mash la, pi Insayka (poʎland iliʒi) munk kəmtəks shawash-tilixam ʎaska chaku-hilu wəxt, munk ʎaq, munk hilu shawash tilixam kakwa bostən tilixam munk pi wik ʎaska k^həpit. pus ʎaska wik k^həpit hilu ʎush ikta miʎayt k^hapa shawash tilixam la

kakwa, uk miməlust pi wik ʎwap k^hanumakwst tilixam wik miʎayt k^həpit shawash iliʒi ʎaska kanawi ka, k^hapa poʎland

kakwa, makwst-taʎlam tak'umunaq pi makwst-taʎlam pi makwst pipa wawa k^hapa tayi-la-tilixam. stuxtkin-taʎlam pi lakit shawash ʎuchmən pi stuxtkin-taʎlam pi makwst shawash man t'uʎan wik ʎush p'əq, t'seq^hən, pi sik-təmtəm k^hapa ʎaska

kakwa, uk poʎland iliʒi wawa skukum shawash la pi tilixam. hayu ʎush wawa pus tilixam kəmtəks miməlust pi wik ʎwap k^hanumakwst tilixam

kakwa, uk poʎland iliʒi nanich wawa uk dret ʎush ikta pus ʎaska munk k^hanumakwst uk poʎland shawash tilixam. pus insayka wawa wawa ʎaska yeʎlan pi munk ʎush la t'səm. ukuk yeʎlan miməlust pi wik ʎwap k^hanumakwst tilixam.

alta, ukuk tayi, man ted wheeler, tayi pus poʎland iliʒi wawa qwinəm mun pi qwinəm san, makwst taʎlam tak'umunaq pi makwst taʎlam pi lakit k^hul. miməlust pi wik ʎwap k^hanumakwst tilixam san pi munk yeʎlan. k^hapa poʎland iliʒi ukuk makuk-haus pi tilixam yakwa miʎayt k^hanumakwst pus ʎaska t'uʎan pil ikta. ukuk munk yeʎlan shawash tilixam.

Proclaim May 5th as the National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives

Introduced by – Mayor Ted Wheeler, PDX MMIW Community

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Whereas the City of Portland stands with Tribal, local, state, regional, and national governments, and organizations across the country for National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives, referred to as MMIR; and

Whereas, lasting effects of colonization, harmful/oppressive government policies, and white supremacy directly correlate to the rise of violence against Indigenous women, girls, men, boys, and two spirit relatives in the United States, Canada, Mexico, and Central America; and

Whereas, disappearances and murders of Indigenous relatives is directly connected to domestic and other forms of violence, sexual assault, and trafficking along with a history of childhood, intergenerational, and historic trauma; and

Whereas, these acts of violence, systems neglect of this issue, and lack of justice for Indigenous relatives is a continued form of genocide and a direct threat to Tribal sovereignty recognized by the City of Portland; and

Whereas Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives are not isolated to reservations or rural communities, but impact urban areas like the Portland metropolitan region; and

Whereas, in a 2022 report to U.S. Congress, 84% of American Indian and Alaska Native women and 82% of American Indian and Alaska Native men reported experiencing violent victimizations in their lifetimes; and

Whereas the City of Portland staunchly supports Tribal Governments and Tribal communities' efforts to increase awareness and action on the issue of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives through programs, policies, and activities; and

Whereas the City of Portland leadership will engage with the Portland Urban Indian Community in conversation and action on how to address systemic issues that contribute to Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives.

Now, Therefore, I, Ted Wheeler, Mayor of the City of Portland, the City of Roses, do hereby proclaim every May 5 as Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives Day of Awareness in the greater Portland region. We encourage businesses, organizations, public institutions, and community members to wear red to show solidarity, support, and raise awareness about this epidemic, systemic barriers, and the injustices Indigenous Peoples continue to face.