Whereas, the City of Portland recognizes that the Indigenous People of the lands that would later become known as the Americas have occupied these lands since time immemorial; and

Whereas, the City of Portland exists at the confluence of the Willamette and Columbia rivers, which hold a rich and beautiful history of being home to villages and trade routes to the Indigenous People that have been in relation with the land long before the westward expansion of European-American settlements in this country; and

Whereas, Indigenous People continue to advocate passionately for their community, way of life, and the wellbeing of the land they have been stewards of since time immemorial; and

Whereas, the City of Portland will integrate Indigenous knowledge and perspective into both practices and policy to combat the institutional racism impacting Indigenous People who continue to face hardships as a result of centuries of neglectful policies and actions responsible for the present-day disproportionate outcomes in health, education, and economic mobility; and

Whereas, on October 7, 2015, Portland City Council passed a resolution resolving that the City of Portland shall recognize Indigenous Peoples’ Day on the second Monday of October; and

Whereas, the City recognizes the intergenerational harm that has been caused by the Federal Indian Boarding School Policies, which separated children from their families and led to loss of culture, language, and connection to Indigenous ways of life; calling for continued regional support of Secretary of Interior Deb Haaland’s Federal Indian Boarding School Initiative; and

Whereas, the City supports the Department of the Interior’s Federal Indian Boarding School Initiative, in partnership with tribal nations and organizations, to form a national truth and reconciliation commission and to act as an ally in raising awareness about this history; and

Whereas, the 2021 Indigenous Peoples’ Day shall be used to express a commitment to the prosperity and well-being of Indigenous People through City policies, practices, advocacy, and investments that ensure greater access to historically sacred lands and opportunity for communal collaboration on City initiatives, while honoring our nation’s Indigenous history and contributions;

Now, therefore, I, Ted Wheeler, Mayor of the City of Portland, Oregon, the “City of Roses” do hereby proclaim October 11th, 2021 to be

Indigenous Peoples’ Day

in Portland and encourage all residents to observe this day.