

PROCLAMATION

Cayuse Five Day of Remembrance

WHEREAS, the City of Oregon City Commissioners, Mayor and staff have the utmost respect for all indigenous people of the lands that are now called Oregon; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the losses and injustices imposed on tribal people, lands, and resources as a result of overland migration, introduced diseases, and subsequent warfare; and

WHEREAS, such incidents led to and followed the death of Marcus Whitman and others in the Walla Walla Valley in 1847; and

WHEREAS, five Cayuse men were charged, sentenced, and executed following an unjust trial resulting in their hanging in Oregon City on June 3rd, 1850; and

WHEREAS, these tragic events of 1850 have left an indelible imprint on the lives of today's Cayuse people; and

WHEREAS, the graves of those five hanged men are at an unknown location at this time; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oregon City recognizes the urgency of locating the whereabouts of the men's remains for repatriation and ceremonial reburial in their homeland; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oregon City, in partnership with the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, is dedicated to honoring the memory of the men known today as the Cayuse Five through a tribute project at the McLoughlin Promenade; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oregon City recognizes the importance of commemorating the Cayuse Five and promoting understanding, healing, and reconciliation among all residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Denyse McGriff, Mayor of Oregon City, do hereby proclaim:

June 3rd, 2024

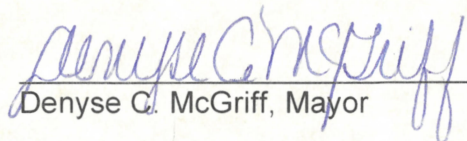
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AND, encourage everyone to observe this day with solemn reflection, to honor the memory of the Cayuse Five, and to commit to building a more just and equitable community for all.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand this 15th day of May 2024.




Denyse C. McGriff, Mayor