PROCLAMATION

West Linn, Oregon

WHEREAS, the City of West Linn 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 recognizes the fact that West Linn is built upon the homelands and villages of the Indigenous Peoples' of this region, without whom the building of the city would not be possible; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes the value of many contributions made to our community through Indigenous Peoples' knowledge, labor, spirituality, technology, science, philosophy, arts and the deep cultural contribution that substantially shaped the character of West Linn; and

WHEREAS, the City has a responsibility to oppose the systematic racism towards Indigenous Peoples in the United States, which perpetuates high rates of poverty and income inequality, exacerbates disproportionate health, education, and social stability; and

WHEREAS, the City promotes the closing of the equity gap for Indigenous Peoples through policies and practices that reflect the experiences of Indigenous Peoples, ensuring greater access and opportunity, and honoring our nation's Indigenous history and contributions; and

WHEREAS, Indigenous Peoples' Day was first proposed in 1977 by a delegation of Native Nations to the United Nations sponsored International Conference on Discrimination against Indigenous Populations in the Americas; and

WHEREAS, the United States endorsed the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (the "Declaration") on December 16, 2010 and the Declaration recognizes that "indigenous peoples have suffered from historic injustices as a result of, inter alia, their colonization and dispossession of their lands, territories and resources"; and

WHEREAS, Article 15 of the Declaration recognizes the right of indigenous peoples "to the dignity and diversity of their cultures, traditions, histories and aspirations which shall be appropriately reflected in education and public information" and places an obligation on States to "take effective measures, in consultation and cooperation with the indigenous peoples concerned, to combat prejudice and eliminate discrimination and to promote tolerance, understanding and good relations among indigenous peoples and all other segments of society".

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST LINN, that Monday, October 10 2022, is

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY

in the City of West Linn and we encourage all residents, businesses, organizations, and public institutions to acknowledge, honor, value, and celebrate Indigenous Peoples' historic and current contributions locally and beyond, while also recognizing the ongoing and interconnected struggles of all Indigenous communities locally and beyond.

DATED THIS 10TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2022

MAYOR JULES WALTERS

ATTEST:

KATHY MOLLUSKY, CITY RECORDER