BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LANE COUNTY, OREGON

ORDER NO: 23-10-10-11

In the Matter of Acknowledging Indigenous People's Day and Stating Lane County's Commitment to Intergovernmental Tribal Relations Work

WHEREAS, Indigenous People's Day is a recognized holiday at both the federal level and in the state of Oregon, honoring the rich history and contributions of Indigenous peoples; and

WHEREAS, Lane County acknowledges its past and the exclusionary history of Indigenous peoples, as documented in Oregon's historical records, notably recognizing the need for reconciliation and a commitment to rectify these historical injustices; and

WHEREAS, the Lane County Tribal Engagement Project Charter sets forth a comprehensive framework to methodically plan and engage with tribal communities, emphasizing a government-to-government relationship with federally recognized tribes as sovereign entities; and

WHEREAS, Lane County is committed to acknowledging and respecting the distinct status of tribes as sovereign nations, recognizing their cultural values, historical significance, and contemporary contributions; and

WHEREAS, Lane County aims to foster significant engagement with the five federally recognized tribes within the county, aiming to build trust, respect, and cooperation, and integrate tribal viewpoints into decision-making processes; and

WHEREAS, the Charter outlines a phased approach, including preparation, collaboration, and partnership, with the primary objectives of foundation building, planful engagement, demonstrated commitment, and trust and collaboration.

NOW, **THEREFORE**, the Board of County Commissioners of Lane County **ORDERS** as follows:

- 1. Acknowledgment of Indigenous People's Day: Lane County officially acknowledges and honors Indigenous People's Day, recognizing the rich cultural heritage, contributions, and resilience of Indigenous peoples in our community and across the nation.
- 2. Lane County affirms its commitment to fostering robust and meaningful engagement with the five federally recognized tribes within the county, in alignment with the Lane County Tribal Engagement Project Charter. This commitment includes but is not limited to the following actions:

- a. Continuously striving to build trust and collaboration with tribal communities based on mutual respect and understanding.
- b. Actively participating in tribal events, dialogue sessions, consultations, and integrating tribal perspectives in decision-making processes.
- c. Endeavoring to rectify historical injustices by acknowledging and addressing Oregon's exclusionary history of Indigenous peoples, and actively working towards fostering a more inclusive and equitable future.

ADOPTED this 10th day of October, 2023.

Pat Farr, Chair

Lane County Board of Commissioners