

**iləp kʰapa uk tayi-tilixam pus multnomah county Oregon hayash wawa pipa:**

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON**

**PROCLAMATION NO. 2024-032**

Hayash wawa kʰapa

Lakit mun pi makwst-taflam pi kʰwayts san - qwinəm mun pi qwinəm san, makwst taflam takʰumunaq pi makwst taflam pi lakit kʰul.

Kakwa uk wik fwap pi kʰata miməlust fwshməŋ pi insayka tilixam, uk santi chaku kəmtəks.

Proclaiming April 29 through May 5, 2024, as Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives Week of Awareness.

**Uk Multnomah county tayi-tilixam nanich:**

**The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:**

- A. Multnomah county munk kəmtəks uk multnomah county miʰayt kʰapa uk tayi iliʰi insayka tilixam miʰayt. Insayka munk kəmtəks shawash-tilixam ʰaska chaku-hilu wəxt, munk ʰaq, munk hilu shawash tilixam kakwa bostən tilixam munk pi wik ʰaska kʰapit.
- B. Multnomah County rests on the stolen and occupied homelands and villages of many Indigenous Tribal nations. We acknowledge the genocide, forced removal, and systemic erasure of Indigenous peoples through colonization and the on-going impacts of colonialism.

Kanawi san uk shawash tilixam kakwa bostən tilixam munk uk hilu fwsh ikta kʰapa insayka shawash tilixam. Insayka kəmtəks uk təmtəm, hihi, tukti pi skukum kʰapa shawash tilixam iliʰi ʰaska dret fwsh kanawi san pus ʰaska tuʰan hayu shawash kəmtəks, tukti pʰilye luʰluʰ, pi munk hilu bostən ikta pi munk fwsh kanawai tilixam iləp insayka pi kanawi tilixam kʰimtʰa insayka. Shawash tilixam miʰayt yakwa pi munk fwsh insayka tilixam. Uk tayi tilixam munk kəmtəks ʰaska kʰapət bostən dret fwsh wawa. ʰaska tiki munk fwsh ikta, munk kəmtəks, chaku-hayash, pi mash ukuk bostən tayi kəmtəks pi alta munk ikta kʰapa shawash tilixam.

- C. The lasting impacts of colonization have created the circumstances the Native community is experiencing. We recognize the survivance, joy, beauty, and strength of Native communities who continue today through a rich culture, beautiful ceremony, the use of decolonizing practices, and the creation of intergenerational healing. Native people are still here today contributing positively to our local communities. The County recognizes the impacts of white supremacy and the opportunity to learn, grow, and restructure based on the teachings from these communities.

- D. Ukuk dret ƚush pus insayka kəmtəks uk munk hilu shawash tilixam kakwa bostən tilixam munk pi uk tilixam munk dret-ikta-qhata khapa shawash tilixam pi hayu insayka ili?i.
- E. It is critical to acknowledge the connection between colonialism and the use of colonial violence against individuals, communities and throughout systems.
- F. Hayu wik ƚush, tilixam p'əq, t'seqhən pi munk miməlust khapa shawash ƚuchmən. Hayu ƚaska miƚayt khapa munk nanich tilixam pi ƚush tilixam, hilu haus tilixam, pi tilixam ƚaska t'uʔan wik ƚush ili?i sik təmtəm. Ukuk khəpit ixt ikta shawash tilixam t'uʔun pus uk bostən tilixam munk qhata ikta khapa insayka, insayka tənəs-tənas pi ulman-tilixam pi kanawi tilixam, uk wik ƚush miƚayt khapa kanawi insayka.
- G. Violence against women, especially Indigenous women who are sitting at the intersections of multiple targeted identities including disabled people, unhoused people, and people who have experienced neuro and environmental trauma, is one of many forms of colonial violence that continues to harm Indigenous communities - from children to elders and those in between, violence impacts our entire community.
- H. Shawash ƚuchmən, makwst t'əmanəwas, pi hayu shawash tilixam t'əmanəwas, man, tanas, pi insayka tilixam t'uʔan hayu mimelust pi qhata ikta khapa kanawi tilixam. Shawash tilixam wik t'uʔan skukum wawa khapa uk bostən luʔluʔ pi uk wik tiki shawash\liblo tilixam. Uk skukum wawa wik dret ƚush pus insayka tilixam t'uʔun shawash ili?i skukum wawa.
- I. Indigenous women, Two Spirit and Indige-Queer peoples, men, youth, and relatives face the highest rates of life threatening, or life ending violence per capita out of any other race and are often unprotected by the American legal system due to racism and jurisdiction challenges as tribes hold a unique and sovereign status.
- J. Shawash ƚuchmən, makwst t'əmanəwas, pi hayu shawash tilixam t'əmanəwas, man, tanas, pi insayka tilixam t'uʔan hilu ikta khapa hayash-man pi wik t'uʔan ikta pi munk nanich. Khəpit tənəs ikta insayka shawash tilixam munk.
- K. Indigenous women, Two Spirit and Indige-Queer peoples, men, youth, and relatives are often unaccounted for in colonial law enforcement data systems and there is no database specific to tracking this crisis except for a grass-roots database initiated and kept by the larger Native community.
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- M. Indigenous women, Two Spirit and Indige-Queer peoples, men, youth, and relatives are also often misidentified when coming into contact with law enforcement or other programs, resulting in a lack of cross-jurisdictional support services being offered to victims from potential law enforcement, Tribal and community services.
- N. Pus ƚaska munk kakwa uk munk hilu shawash tilixam kakwa bostən tilixam munk khapa insayka ili?i. Tilixam munk yeʔlan pi munk ƚush ukuk.
- O. Failing to adequately respond to this crisis through the use of accurate and complete data and coordination across jurisdictions is a continued form of genocide and erasure of Indigenous peoples in this country and action must be taken urgently to correct these systems.

- P. Tənəs-anqati uk lu?lu?-tayı-tilixam munk skukum uk hayu-tayı-tilixam wawa k'hapa nanich-nanich pi miməlust shawash tuchmən, tənəs tuchmən pi insayka tilixam taska munk-q'hata: Savannah's pi wik hilu-nanich la. Insayka wawa hayu masi k'hapa Haaland, yakwa munk MMIR tayı-tilixam-ye?lan pi shawah ili?i munk-k'aw tilixam xiləmət. taska tənəs-anqati munk xiləmət pi wawa k'hapa MMIR tilixam pi taska mi?ayt yakwa pi wik-saya. Uk tush ikta pi wawa munk ye?lan insayka wawa k'hapa tayı-tilixam. taska wawa wawa k'hapa tilixam pi ye?lan sik təmtəm .
- Q. Recent Congressional action in 2020 strengthened the federal government's response to the missing and murdered Indigenous women, girls, and relatives crisis: Savannah's Act and the Not Invisible Act. We are grateful for Secretary Haaland who created a new MMIR federal unit and the United States Attorney's Office who recently created an MMIP office to address MMIR cases in the Pacific Northwest. These bills and structural shifts support improvement in reporting databases, communication between jurisdictions and law enforcement agencies, and increase intergovernmental coordination on approaches to address the crisis.
- R. Multnomah county kəmtəks pi munk-saxali tilixam pi ikta taska tiki, kanawai tayı tilixam ye?lan insayka shawash tilixam. Insayka mi?ayt kanamawkst. Kanawi taska mi?ayt pi ye?lan shawash tilixam pi munk kəmtəks k'hapa tilixam uk sik təmtəm kanawai ka.
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**ADOPTED this 2nd day of May, 2024.**



*Jessica Vega Pederson*

Jessica Vega Pederson, Chair

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