WHEREAS: “Moving Forward Together: Being Good Stewards of our People, Lands, and Culture” is the theme of this year’s State of Oregon and Oregon Tribes Spring Celebration; and

WHEREAS: Since time immemorial, Oregon tribes have been sovereign nations in what is now the State of Oregon, being faithful stewards of time-honored traditions, the lands, and the waterways, and the State and Tribes now have a Government-To-Government relationship; and

WHEREAS: This year Oregon Tribes and the State of Oregon have joined together to survey Native American cultural items in the possession of State agencies, to protect and honor the rich and enduring heritage of tribes; and

WHEREAS: The fall of 2019 marks the implementation of a statewide curriculum in our schools relating to the Native American experience in Oregon, including tribal history, tribal sovereignty, culture, treaty rights, government, socioeconomic experiences, and current events; and

WHEREAS: The State of Oregon and all Oregonians are the beneficiaries of the contributions of Native peoples and Native communities to the arts, education, health, economic development, and civic community that makes this a better place to live.

NOW, THEREFORE: I, Kate Brown, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim May 18-25, 2019 to be

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in Oregon, and I encourage all Oregonians to learn about and celebrate the rich traditions embodied in the cultural items, cultural resources, and sites that make Oregon Tribal Heritage our heritage.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Great Seal of the State of Oregon to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Salem in the State of Oregon on this day, May 16, 2019.

Kate Brown, Governor

Bev Clarno, Secretary of State