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Whereas, #RockYourMocs is a worldwide Native American and Indigenous Peoples movement and is a day held annually and concurrently with November's National Native American Heritage Month in the United States; and

Whereas, the #RockYourMocs movement was founded by Jessica Atsye of the Pueblo of Laguna in New Mexico in 2011 as a day for Native American solidarity; and

Whereas, this day serves as a day of honor and acknowledgement of Native American people and their significant contributions to the world; and

Whereas, this day is a reminder that Native American people are not provided space to wear their traditional dress and footwear in daily life, and

Whereas, #RockYourMocs provides an opportunity for Native people to celebrate and share pride in their culture through the expression of footwear; and

Whereas, a person may celebrate #RockYourMocs Day by wearing moccasins or by wearing a turquoise awareness ribbon; and

Whereas, the Portland City Council, in an act of solidarity, encourages all Portlanders to celebrate this day in a manner that is culturally appropriate and respectful; and

Now, therefore, I, Ted Wheeler, Mayor of the City of Portland, Oregon, the "City of Roses," do hereby proclaim November 16th, 2018 to be

#RockYourMocs Day

in Portland, and encourage all residents to observe this day.

