

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR THE STATE OF OREGON, COUNTY OF BENTON**

**In the Matter of Proclaiming)
November 2016 as American Indian) Proclamation P2016-012
and Alaskan Native Heritage Month)
in Benton County)**

In the past, many first Americans inhabited the area now known as Benton County. Those included the bands of the Long Tom, Lakimut, Chepofna, Chelamela, Klickitat, Siletz, Kalapuya, Alsea, and others.

The theme this year is "Serving our Nations." The State of Oregon recognizes nine Confederated Tribes in Oregon, of which, The Confederated Tribes of Siletz and The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde have close ties to Benton County. Each tribe has made extraordinary contributions to Oregon and the Pacific Northwest region, as well as internationally, in agriculture, medicine, music, language, art and other areas. They are also recognized for their individual sacrifices serving in the armed forces, and as local and national leaders, artists, athletes, and scholars.

Benton County recognizes and values the contributions of American Indians and Alaskan Natives to our communities.

THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that November 2016 is American Indian and Alaskan Native Heritage Month in Benton County, and all residents are encouraged to join in this observance.

Adopted this 1st day of November, 2016.

Signed this 1st day of November, 2016.

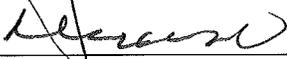
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