

We can't erase the many injustices done by European colonizers and by federal & state governments against the native peoples of this land. But there are many positive things we can do now, going forward, to respect and honor Native Americans. One would be to declare the 2nd Monday of October to be Indigenous People's Day in Oregon. Education to spread true history about Native Americans will follow the creation of this holiday. And it is definitely time to replace Columbus Day, which should not be a holiday anywhere in our country. I look forward to celebrating Indigenous People's Day and honoring all of the tribes of Oregon!

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