

My name is Angela Jones. I live in East Portland. I grew up on the shore of the Columbia River and care deeply about this land and the people here. I am especially humbled by the beauty and legacy of the cultures of the native peoples of the Pacific Northwest. When I look at our beautiful state I see the places that were loved by the native people. The richness of their cultures and the depth of their connection to this land deserves respect. It deserves honor. They deserve so much more from non native people. At the very least we should come together to honor them and their important place as the first people who were here. I encourage and expect this state to honor our Native people with Indigenous People's Day. Thank you.