



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 17-12

In 1996, Executive Order 96-30 formally established government-to-government relations between the State of Oregon and the nine federally recognized Indian Tribes that reside within Oregon's borders. For more than twenty years, the State of Oregon has benefitted from the resulting increased communication with Tribal Governments about state and tribal interests.

Oregon's Tribes have an interest in obtaining information relating to cultural items currently held in storage or on display at Oregon state agencies, state universities, colleges, and public schools. Some of these items are associated with Oregon's Tribes, and the Tribes and the State share an interest in determining the provenance, the appropriate custodian, and the appropriate storage or display of such items.

There has never been a survey of how many of these items currently are held in storage by or on display within a State agency or public academic institution, and no complete inventory of such items exists. The State of Oregon and Oregon's Tribes deserve an established process to determine best practices for gathering information about these types of cultural items associated with Oregon Tribes, and for determining the most appropriate "next steps" for establishing workable strategies and plans for discussion regarding these cultural items and/or return of the items to associated Oregon Tribes.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DIRECTED AND ORDERED:

1. There is established a Task Force on Oregon Tribal Cultural Items ("the Task Force").
2. The Members of the Task Force shall include the following (members identified in paragraphs (e) – (h) shall be invited by the Governor, with the understanding that the relevant bodies may determine whether or not to participate by recommending members for appointment to the Task Force):
 - a. The Governor's Legal Counsel or other designee;
 - b. Any additional member of the Governor's staff as directed by the Governor;



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- c. A representative of the State Historic Preservation Office, appointed by the Governor upon recommendation of the Director of the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department;
 - d. A State Agency Director, appointed by the Governor;
 - e. A representative of the Legislative Commission on Indian Services;
 - f. A representative from each of the nine federally recognized Oregon Tribes;
 - g. One or more representatives of one or more public universities or colleges, appointed by the Governor;
 - h. One or more representatives of primary or secondary Oregon public schools, appointed by the Governor.
 - i. Other Members as invited by the Governor.
3. The Governor's Legal Counsel shall be responsible for convening the Task Force.
 4. The Task Force's purpose is to provide advice to the Governor.
 5. The Task Force shall meet to consider a process for a soliciting information from state public institutions and agencies about items they may have in storage or on display associated with Oregon Tribes.
 6. The Task Force shall submit a report to the Governor summarizing its findings and recommending:
 - a. A process to survey public institutions and agencies regarding these cultural items; and
 - b. A timeline for completion of the survey and proposals for "next steps."



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7. The report to the Governor shall be submitted no more than one year after the first convening of the Task Force.

Done at Lincoln City, Oregon, this 2nd day of November, 2017.

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Kate Brown
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in green ink that reads "Dennis Richardson".

Dennis Richardson
SECRETARY OF STATE

