



## **EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 24-06**

While Native American tribes have been here since time immemorial, Executive Order 96-30 made Oregon history in 1996 by establishing formal government-to-government relations between the State of Oregon and the nine federally recognized Indian Tribes that reside within Oregon's borders. Those government-to-government relations were codified by the Oregon Legislature with SB 770 (2001). For over two decades, the 9 sovereign tribal nations and State of Oregon have benefitted from productive and enhanced consultation about state and tribal interests.

For much of Oregon's history, Tribes have had 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. Executive Order 17-12 directed the creation of a Governor's Task Force on Oregon Tribal Items ("the Task Force") to survey these public entities. The Task Force completed the hard work of determining best practices for gathering information, developing definitions of cultural items, and providing training to state agencies on how to conduct these surveys. In 2019, Oregon was the first in the nation to report out its survey findings of tribal cultural items. The Task Force also established a process for annual updates by state agencies.

In March 2020, the Task Force began the next phase of surveying the public universities and community colleges. During the COVID pandemic, this new phase, as well as the state agencies' updates, stalled and have been on pause. It is time to renew this important work for the tribes and the state. The resumption of the Task Force will continue the process for identifying best practices for gathering information about these types of cultural items associated with Oregon Tribes. The Task Force will also work on developing the most appropriate next steps for establishing workable strategies for determining the provenance, the appropriate custodian, and the appropriate storage or display of such items.

### **NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DIRECTED AND ORDERED:**

1. The Task Force on Oregon Tribal Cultural Items ("the Task Force") is re-established.
2. The Members of the Task Force shall include the following:
  - a. The Governor's Tribal Affairs Office Director or other designee;





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- b. Any additional member of the Governor's staff as directed by the Governor;
  - 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. Tribal Chairs and Councils shall appoint 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. In partnership with the Governor's Tribal Affairs Office Director, the Legislative Commission on Indian Services shall be the lead entity 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.





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6. The task force shall submit an annual report beginning in 2025 to the Governor setting forth its view of the progress of the State toward achieving the goal of establishing a 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 tribal objects of cultural significance.
7. This Executive Order replaces Executive Order 17-12.

Done at Portland, Oregon, this 30<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2024.



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Tina Kotek  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

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LaVonne Griffin-Valade  
SECRETARY OF STATE