

The City of Minneapolis

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

Recognizing the Second Monday of October as Indigenous Peoples Day

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Whereas, the City of Minneapolis recognizes the annexation of Dakota homelands for the building of our city, and knows Indigenous nations have lived upon this land since time immemorial and values the progress our society has accomplished through American Indian technology, thought, and culture, and

Whereas, the City of Minneapolis understands that in order to help close the equity gap, government entities, organizations and other public institutions should change their policies and practices to better reflect the experiences of American Indian people and uplift our country's Indigenous roots, history, and contributions; and

Whereas, the idea of Indigenous Peoples Day was first proposed in 1977 by a delegation of Native nations to the United Nations-sponsored International Conference on Discrimination Against Indigenous Populations in the Americas; and

Whereas, in 1990 representatives from 120 Indigenous nations at the First Continental Conference on 500 Years of Indian Resistance unanimously passed a resolution to transform Columbus Day into an occasion to strengthen the process of continental unity and struggle towards liberation, and thereby use the occasion to reveal a more accurate historical record; and

Whereas, the City Council proclaimed 2013 "The Year of the Dakota: Remembering, Honoring and Truth Telling" and the City understands the need for continued work in the spirit of Truth Telling; and

Whereas, the City of Minneapolis has a strong history of over four decades of American Indian activism, which the City celebrates and honors; and

Whereas, the United States federal government, the State of Minnesota, and the City of Minneapolis recognize Columbus Day on the second Monday of October, in accordance with the federal holiday established in 1937;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by The City Council that the City of Minneapolis shall recognize Indigenous Peoples Day on the second Monday in October.

Be It Further Resolved that the City of Minneapolis shall continue its efforts to promote the well-being and growth of the Minneapolis American Indian and Indigenous community.

Be It Further Resolved that Indigenous Peoples Day shall be used to reflect upon the ongoing struggles of Indigenous people on this land, and to celebrate the thriving culture and value that Dakota, Ojibwe, and other Indigenous nations add to our city.

Be It Further Resolved, the City of Minneapolis encourages other businesses, organizations and public entities to recognize Indigenous Peoples Day.

Passed by the City Council

Twenty-fifth Day of April A.D. 2014

Barbara A. Johnson, *President of Council*

APPROVED:

Betsy Hodges, *Mayor*

ATTEST:

Casey Joe Carl, *City Clerk*