

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-105**

**A RESOLUTION RELATING TO INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY; DECLARING THE SECOND MONDAY IN OCTOBER AS INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY IN THE CITY OF EDINA; ENCOURAGING OTHER INSTITUTIONS TO RECOGNIZE THE DAY; AND REAFFIRMING THE CITY'S COMMITMENT TO PROMOTE THE WELL-BEING AND GROWTH OF EDINA'S AND MINNESOTA'S AMERICAN INDIAN AND INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY.**

WHEREAS: The City of Edina recognizes the occupation of Dakota homelands for the building of our region and knows indigenous nations have lived upon this land since time immemorial and values the progress of our society accomplished through and by American Indian thought, culture and technology; and

WHEREAS: The City of Edina understands the importance of recognizing our 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 an effort to reveal a more accurate historical record of the "discovery" of the United States of America, 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 also recognize the contributions of Indigenous people; and

WHEREAS: Several states, many cities throughout the nation, including the Minnesota cities of St. Paul, Minneapolis, Red Wing, and Grand Rapids, and many organizations have designated the second Monday of every October as Indigenous Peoples Day; and

WHEREAS: The City of Edina declared itself a Human Rights City on August 3, 2016, and resolved to designate December 10 each year as the "City of Edina Human Rights Day" to recognize the annual anniversary of the signing of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights; and

WHEREAS: The City of Edina has a strong commitment to affirm the advancement and dignity of all people in our society; and

WHEREAS: The United States federal government and the State of Minnesota 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 Edina City Council that the City of Edina shall also recognize Indigenous Peoples Day on the second Monday of October.

**Be it Further Resolved** that the City of Edina shall continue its efforts to promote the well-being and growth of the region's 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, other Indigenous nations add to our city and our region.

**Be it Further Resolved**, the City of Edina encourages other businesses, organizations and public entities to recognize Indigenous Peoples Day on the second Monday of every October.

Dated: October 5, 2016

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Debra A. Mangen, City Clerk

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James B. Hovland, Mayor

STATE OF MINNESOTA)  
COUNTY OF HENNEPIN) SS  
CITY OF EDINA )  
CERTIFICATE OF CITY CLERK

I, the undersigned duly appointed and acting City Clerk for the City of Edina do hereby certify that the attached and foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the Edina City Council at its Regular Meeting of October 5, 2016, and as recorded in the Minutes of said Regular Meeting.

WITNESS my hand and seal of said City this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

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City Clerk