



PROCLAMATION

Indigenous Peoples' Day: October 12, 2026

Minnesota is home to 11 federally recognized tribes; seven are Anishinaabe (Ojibwe), and four are Dakota Oyate (Dakota). Celebrating Indigenous people on this day brings a moment for education and awareness of the genocide that Indigenous communities endured during the arrival of settler colonialism.

Recognizing today's importance allows us to acknowledge the significant contributions of Indigenous people to our city, state, and nation. Indigenous nations in Minnesota continue to face the effects of colonization and continued discrimination against their way of life, language, traditions, and history through the legacy of the Indian Removal Act, Indian boarding school policies, and other policies that infringed on Indigenous rights.

The legacy of state and federal policies is visible and present in the crises of Indigenous communities and relatives suffering as unhoused persons or from the opioid epidemic. Indigenous communities are fighting for justice in the historical and present crisis of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Relatives.

The community of Columbia Heights is called to reflect on and work towards better policies and practices that center around Indigenous experiences and honor Indigenous sovereignty. Columbia Heights is committed to being a race, equity, and inclusion leader and encourages our community to honor Indigenous Peoples' Day by learning about, supporting, and connecting with Indigenous communities and organizations.

Now, therefore, I Amáda Márquez Simula, Mayor, do hereby proclaim October 12, 2026, as Indigenous Peoples' Day in the City of Columbia Heights

Amáda Márquez Simula, Mayor
October 13, 2026