

Councilor Sanderson introduced the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 14-126

**The City of Grand Rapids A Resolution of the Mayor and City Council  
Recognizing the Second Monday of October as Indigenous Peoples Day**

**WHEREAS**, Grand Rapids recognizes Indigenous nations have lived upon this land since time in memorial and values the progress our society has accomplished through American Indian technology, thought and culture; and

**WHEREAS**, Grand Rapids understands that in order to celebrate the strengths and recognize the challenges of Indigenous people that government entities, organizations and other public institutions should change their policies and practices to better reflect the experiences of the American Indian people and uplift our country's Indigenous roots, history and contributions; and

**WHEREAS**, the idea of Indigenous People's 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 of Grand Rapids embraces the indigenous history and culture that imbues this place and seeks to foster the accurate depiction of history, celebrate the strengths and recognize the challenges of American Indian peoples of the area, and honor their perspectives and presence in the share community life of the Grand Rapids area today; and

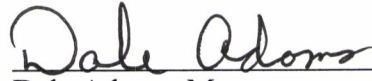
**WHEREAS**, the United States federal government and the State of Minnesota and Grand Rapids recognize Columbus Day on the second Monday of October, in accordance with the federal holiday established in 1937.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL THAT THE CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS RECOGNIZES INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY ON THE SECOND MONDAY IN OCTOBER, AS A DAY TO REFLECT ON OUR HISTORY AND TO CELEBRATE THE THRIVING CULTURE AND VALUE THAT THE ANISHINAABE (CHIPPEWA AND OJIBWE), THE DAKOTA (SIOUX) AND OTHER INDIGENOUS NATIONS ADD TO OUR CITY.**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City of Grand Rapids shall continue its efforts to promote the well-being and growth of the Native American and Indigenous community; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** the City of Grand Rapids encourages other businesses, organizations and public entities to recognize **Indigenous People's Day**.

Adopted this 15<sup>th</sup> day of December 2014.

  
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Dale Adams, Mayor

Attest:

  
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Kimberly Johnson-Gibeau, City Clerk

Councilor Chandler seconded the forgoing resolution and the following voted in favor thereof: Chandler, Zabinski, Christy, Sanderson, Adams; and the following voted against same: None, whereby the resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.