# Proclamation

*Office of the Mayor*
*City of King*

# 2026 Indigenous Peoples' Day

***WHEREAS,*** Indigenous Peoples have inhabited this continent since time immemorial; shared their knowledge of the land and its resources with early European settlers; and continue to play a vital role in the development of the State of North Carolina and the nation; and

***WHEREAS,*** North Carolina is home to nine state-recognized tribes—the Catawba Nation, Coharie Tribe, Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe, Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina, Meherrin Indian Tribe, Occaneechi Band of the Saponi Nation, Sappony, and Waccamaw Siouan Tribe—and four state-recognized Urban American Indian Organizations representing vibrant Native communities across the state; and

***WHEREAS,*** the City of King values its relationship with American Indian citizens, recognizes and encourages the acknowledgment of the history, contributions, and sacrifices of Indigenous Peoples, and honors the rich cultural and economic contributions American Indians have made; and

***WHEREAS,*** the City of King supports policies and practices that recognize the experiences of Indigenous Peoples, expand access and opportunity, and honor our nation's Indigenous roots, history, and contributions; and

***WHEREAS,*** in 1977, participants at the International NGO Conference on Discrimination Against Indigenous Populations in the Americas proposed an observance honoring Indigenous Peoples as an alternative to Columbus Day; and

***NOW, THEREFORE,*** I, Richard E. McCraw, Mayor of the City of King, North Carolina, on behalf of the King City Council, do hereby proclaim Monday, October 12, 2026, as "Indigenous Peoples' Day" in the City of King and commend its observance to all citizens.

***IN WITNESS WHEREOF,*** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of King to be affixed this 5th day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-six.

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*Richard E. McCraw – Mayor, City of King*