

CITY OF LATHRUP VILLAGE

RESOLUTION # 2018 - ____

A RESOLUTION DECLARING INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY IN THE CITY OF LATHRUP VILLAGE

WHEREAS the City of Lathrup Village is a diverse community and diversity is valued by its leaders and residents, and

WHEREAS the City of Lathrup Village strives to have a diverse workforce and be a welcoming community to people of all cultures and backgrounds, and

WHEREAS Indigenous People have made many positive contributions to present day society nationally and locally, and

WHEREAS there are currently 10 national holidays recognized by the Federal Government—none paying direct tribute to Indigenous Peoples, and

WHEREAS Indigenous People have been historically oppressed, marginalized and under-represented in our celebrations and leadership circles; and

WHEREAS the City of Lathrup Village acknowledges the fact that it was built upon the homelands of the Indigenous Peoples of this region, and

WHEREAS, 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 other communities such as Evanston, IL, Berkeley, CA, Minneapolis and St. Paul, MN, Anchorage, AK, Portland, OR, Asheville, NC, Lawrence, KS, Chicago, IL and many more have adopted resolutions celebrating Indigenous Peoples Day, and

WHEREAS historical documents reveal Christopher Columbus as a man who helped initiate the trans-Atlantic slave trade, a system that brought centuries of violence and destruction to the Americas, and

WHEREAS Indigenous Peoples Day allows for all people to honor their origins and ancestors who overcame challenges so that one day their descendants might reap the reward of living equally and peacefully with one another and with the earth,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Lathrup Village proclaim the second Monday in October shall be recognized and celebrated as Indigenous Peoples Day with intentional community gatherings to learn more about the cultures, contributions and values of Indigenous Peoples.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Lathrup Village encourage its residents to be in solidarity with Indigenous Peoples across the United States, many of whose rights and treaties are still not being respected.

Mykale Garrett, Mayor

I, Yvette Talley, City Clerk, for the City of Lathrup Village, Michigan, do hereby certify that the above resolution was adopted at a Regular meeting of the Lathrup Village City Council held on October 15, 2018.

Yvette Talley, City Clerk