

Recognizing Indigenous Peoples' Day in the City of Madison Heights

WHEREAS, the City of Madison Heights acknowledges that the land now known as the City of Madison Heights is the ancestral homeland of Indigenous peoples who have stewarded this land for generations prior to colonization, including but not limited to the Anishinaabe peoples of the Ojibwe, Odawa, and Potawatomi nations, known collectively as the Three Fires Confederacy; and

WHEREAS, Indigenous Peoples have made and continue to make invaluable contributions to the social, cultural, economic, spiritual, and environmental life of our region, our state, and our country; and

WHEREAS, the celebration of Indigenous Peoples' Day provides an opportunity to honor and reflect upon the rich histories, traditions, and wisdom of Indigenous communities, and to promote equity, inclusion, and historical accuracy in our shared civic narrative; and

WHEREAS, recognizing Indigenous Peoples' Day in place of or alongside Columbus Day acknowledges the true history of colonization, displacement, and cultural erasure that Indigenous communities have endured, and affirms our commitment to justice, healing, and reconciliation; and

WHEREAS, many cities, states, and institutions across the United States have formally adopted Indigenous Peoples' Day in recognition of the enduring presence and contributions of Native peoples.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Madison Heights City Council does hereby proclaim the second Monday of October as Indigenous Peoples' Day in the City of Madison Heights, and encourages all residents, schools, organizations, and institutions to honor Indigenous heritage, celebrate Indigenous cultures, and support the contemporary and sovereign rights of Indigenous peoples.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Madison Heights commits to promoting greater awareness of Indigenous history and culture through education, dialogue, and community engagement.



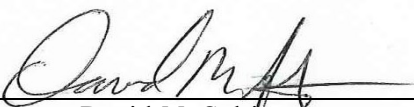
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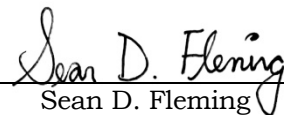
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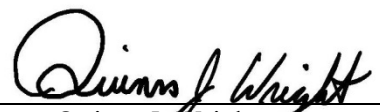
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