

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADISON HEIGHTS, MICHIGAN, DECLARING THE SECOND MONDAY IN OCTOBER INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY

WHEREAS, the City of Madison Heights recognizes the annexation of the Odawa, Ojibwe, and Potawatomi Indigenous Nations who have lived upon this land and values the progress our society has accomplished through Native American thought and culture; and

WHEREAS, the City of Madison Heights recognizes the need honor the city's Native American residents, Michigan's 12 federally recognized tribes, state historic tribes and all Indigenous people who come from across the western hemisphere to live and work within Madison Heights; and

WHEREAS, the City of Madison Heights understands that in order to help close the equity gap, government entities, organizations, and other public institutions must change their policies and practices to better reflect experiences of Native American peoples 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 opportunity to educate the rest of the country about pre-existing indigenous cultures that have survived an often violent colonization process and continue to exist and thrive in present day America; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Madison Heights shall recognize Indigenous People's Day, replacing Columbus Day, on the second Monday of October; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Madison Heights encourages

1. All public offices and businesses in the City to refer to the second Monday in October as Indigenous People's Day rather than Columbus Day; and

2. City Council urges all schools, school districts and children's educational programs in Madison Heights to join in the celebration of Indigenous Peoples' Day with appropriate social, cultural and educational activities recognizing the historical and continuing contributions of Native American people to our society.



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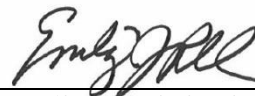
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