



City of Mercer Island, Washington *Proclamation*

WHEREAS, Indigenous Peoples' Day is celebrated on the second Monday of October each year and recognizes the resilience and diversity of Indigenous Peoples in the United States.

Indigenous Peoples have inhabited this land for thousands of years, nurturing a deep connection to the earth, their cultures, and their communities.

Indigenous communities possess rich histories, languages, traditions, and contributions that have profoundly shaped our society and continue to enrich our collective identity.

It is essential to acknowledge the ongoing impacts of colonization, discrimination, and injustices faced by Indigenous Peoples, and to promote healing, understanding, and respect for their rights and cultures.

The celebration of Indigenous Peoples' Day serves as a reminder of the resilience, strength, and contributions of Indigenous communities, as well as an opportunity to engage in dialogue and education about their history and contemporary issues.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Salim Nice, Mayor of the City of Mercer Island, do hereby proclaim October 14, 2024 as

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY

on Mercer Island and urge all citizens to recognize and honor the rich cultural heritage and enduring contributions of Indigenous Peoples, to learn about their histories, and to commit to supporting justice and equity for all Indigenous communities.

APPROVED, this 1st day of October 2024.

Mayor Salim Nice

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