

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-_____

A RESOLUTION declaring the second Monday in October as Indigenous Peoples' Day in the City of Yakima; encouraging other cities and institutions to also recognize this new designation; and reaffirming the City's commitment to promote respect for, and understanding of, the region's American Indian and Indigenous community, their long history, and their continuing contribution to contemporary society.

WHEREAS, the City of Yakima recognizes that the community of Yakima was built upon territory settled and inhabited by members of the Yakama Nation; and

WHEREAS, the City of Yakima values the historic and contemporary contributions made to this community by all of our past and present Indigenous Peoples; and

WHEREAS, the City of Yakima affirms its opposition to the long legacy of racism towards Indigenous Peoples, which has subjected them to social inequities and hardships, and recognizes their resilience and enduring spirit; and

WHEREAS, the City of Yakima supports national and state policies and practices intended to help close the equity gap for Indigenous Peoples through greater understanding and appreciation of their collective experiences and by honoring their collective contribution to our history and national character; 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, the City of Yakima aspires to protect and promote human rights, as set forth in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and numerous other international human rights treaties, and to do so in a spirit of mutual friendship and respect; THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YAKIMA:

The City of Yakima strongly supports the proposition that Indigenous Peoples' Day shall be an opportunity to celebrate the thriving cultures and values of the Indigenous Peoples of the region; affirms that it is City policy to participate in Indigenous Peoples Day celebrations and activities; and commits to work cooperatively with local Tribes, groups, and citizens.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL THIS _____ day of _____, 2016.

Kathy Coffey, Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

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