

Resolution _____

A RESOLUTION relating to Indigenous Peoples' Day; declaring the second Monday in October as Indigenous Peoples' Day in the City of Flagstaff; encouraging other institutions to recognize the Day; and reaffirming the City's commitment to promote the well-being and growth of Flagstaff's Native American and Indigenous community.

WHEREAS, the City of Flagstaff recognizes that the Indigenous Peoples of the lands that would later become known as the Americas have occupied these lands since time immemorial; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes the fact that Flagstaff is built upon the homelands and villages of the Indigenous Peoples of this region, without whom the building of the City would not have been possible; and

WHEREAS, the City values the many contributions made to our community through Indigenous Peoples' knowledge, labor, technology, science, philosophy, arts and the deep cultural contribution that has substantially shaped the character of the City of Flagstaff; and

WHEREAS, the City of Flagstaff has a responsibility to oppose the systematic racism towards Indigenous people in the United States, which perpetuates high rates of poverty and income inequality, exacerbating disproportionate health, education, and social crises; and

WHEREAS, the City promotes the closing of the equity gap for Indigenous Peoples through policies and practices that reflect the experiences of Indigenous Peoples, ensure greater access and opportunity, and honor our nation's indigenous roots, history, and contributions; and

WHEREAS advocating for and supporting actions that lead to the advancement of social and environmental justice for the Indigenous Community is a City Council Goal; 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 states of Alaska, South Dakota, Vermont, Minnesota and more the 57 cities, including but not limited to Phoenix, Salt Lake City, Albuquerque NM, Durango CO, Denver, Santa Fe, Portland, Seattle, and Los Angeles passed resolutions to "Support to Change Columbus Day (2nd Monday of October) to Indigenous Peoples' Day"; and

WHEREAS, the City of Flagstaff came into a Memorandum of Understanding between the Navajo Nation on behalf of the Navajo Human Rights Commission and the City of Flagstaff on March 27, 2012 which called upon the City to officially promote tolerance, understanding and friendship, and to combat prejudice and eliminate discrimination stemming from colonization and committing itself to protect, respect and fulfill the full range of inherent human rights; and

WHEREAS, on October 10, 2017 the City of Flagstaff recognized the recommendations as presented by the Indigenous Circle of Flagstaff based on the summary of the findings and recommendations across the six Indigenous Community Forums held from Nov., 2016 to May, 2017. Mayor and the City Council voted to begin work on a five-year strategic planning process to implement recommendations from the list presented which intended address concerns and outline responsibilities as the City of Flagstaff

moves toward a sustainable efforts that will bring about the "Recognizing the Second Monday of October as Indigenous Peoples' Day", NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FLAGSTAFF, THE MAYOR CONCURRING, THAT:

Section 1. The City of Flagstaff strongly supports the proposition that Indigenous Peoples' Day shall be an opportunity to celebrate the thriving cultures, contributions and values of the Indigenous Peoples of our region. The City will improve upon the relations with all Indigenous tribes and neighboring Native American communities, as well as opening up meetings, spaces, and discussions with the recognition of Indigenous Ancestral Lands, Language and the recognition of the Natural Environment.

Section 2. The City of Flagstaff affirms that it is City policy to participate in the annual Indigenous Peoples' Day celebrations and activities; that City departments work with the Indigenous Circle of Flagstaff (and the Navajo Human Rights Commission and/or Native Americans for Community Action) to encourage participation on a citywide basis to affect changes. The City will insure the participation in such trainings to include and not be limited to the courts, and criminal justice systems.

Section 3. The City of Flagstaff affirms that the City will participate in providing quarterly reports back to and receive direction from the Indigenous Community, the City will coordinate the execution of community listening sessions for Indigenous public feedback with NAU, FUSD and other external partners.

Section 4. The City of Flagstaff strongly encourages Flagstaff Unified School District to encourage the best practices indigenous pedagogy and to support expanded curricula and staff training on Indigenous histories, cultures, and contributions. Beginning the effective date of this section, school district board of directors (is encouraged to) adopt its social studies curriculum, it shall incorporate curricula about the history, culture, and government of the nearest federally recognized Native American tribe or tribes, so that students learn about the unique heritage and experience of their closest neighbors. The City will encourage and support the conduct of regularly scheduled reviews and revisions of the district social studies and history curricula, school district (are encouraged to) shall collaborate with any federally recognized Native American tribes within their district, and with neighboring Indian tribes, to incorporate expanded and improved curricular materials about Indian tribes, and to create programs of classroom and community cultural exchanges.

Section 5. The City of Flagstaff resolutely pledges to designate a site location and administrative structure, and contribute to and seek additional funding for a Native American Community and Cultural Center.

Section 6. The City of Flagstaff encourages other businesses, organizations, and public institutions to recognize Indigenous Peoples' Day. Finance and promote a study to quantify Indigenous contribution to Flagstaff's economy. Create a directory of, and other means to promote, Native-owned businesses in Flagstaff. Develop a feasibility study for a public marketplace for Native artists.

Section 7. The City of Flagstaff firmly commits to continue its efforts to promote the well-being and growth of Flagstaff's Native American and Indigenous community. The City will initiate and assist in supporting Indigenous organizations to build culturally grounded resources for the treatment of intergenerational trauma and other sources of damage expressed by means of substance abuse, homelessness, domestic violence, and suicide. The City will support and implement positive programs

such as Indigenous community gardens and youth-elder programs, which would ideally be based in the Community/Cultural Center described in section 5.

Section 8. The City of Flagstaff resolutely pledges that the City will protect Indigenous revered, beloved, and sacred places, such as but not limited to the San Francisco Peaks, from unhealthy and harmful treatment. A paramount issue of physical, mental, and spiritual health for the Indigenous and Native American people of Flagstaff.

Section 9. The City of Flagstaff will designate the City support, provide and identify affordable housing for Indigenous and Native American citizens of the City and position the role of the City in easing the burden of Flagstaff's restrictive price levels for housing and utilities. The City will commit to solutions addressing regional transportation deficits that place particular obstacles in the path of Native American and Indigenous people who travel between the City and nearby homes or additional family homes for work, shopping, family connections, and health services.

Section 10. The City of Flagstaff affirms that the City will build the visibility of Indigenous presence and contributions through public art, naming and renaming of at least 20 new and old street and place names to reflect indigenous community and contribution, public advertising, and the dedication and support for annual Indigenous art pieces.

Section 11. The Mayor and City Council of the City of Flagstaff jointly declare the second Monday in October as Indigenous Peoples' Day in the City of Flagstaff.

Adopted by the City Council the ____ day of _____, 2018, and signed by me in open session in authentication of its adoption this _____ day of _____, 2018.

President _____ of the City Council

THE MAYOR CONCURRING:

Coral Evans, Mayor

Filed by me this ____ day of _____, 2018.

Stacy Saltzburg, C.M.C., City Clerk

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