

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE SECOND MONDAY OF OCTOBER
AS INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY.**

The City Council of the City of Eugene finds that:

A. The City Council of the City of Eugene recognizes that the Indigenous peoples of the lands that would later become known as the Americas have lived on these lands since time immemorial.

B. The City Council honors the fact that the City of Eugene is built upon the traditional homelands of the Kalapuya peoples and recognizes the inherent sovereignty of the nine federally recognized tribal nations in the State of Oregon and all Indigenous peoples everywhere.

C. The City Council 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 Eugene.

D. The City of Eugene has a responsibility to oppose the systematic racism towards Indigenous people which perpetuates high rates of poverty and income inequality, exacerbating disproportionate health, education, and social crises.

E. 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.

F. The City of Eugene is committed to protecting and advocating for justice, human rights, and the dignity of all people who live and work in Eugene, and to supporting the principles contained in the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (the "Declaration") endorsed by the United States on December 16, 2010.

G. The Declaration recognizes the right of Indigenous peoples "to the dignity and diversity of their cultures, traditions, histories and aspirations which shall be appropriately reflected in education and public information," and places an obligation on States to "take effective measures, in consultation and cooperation with the Indigenous peoples concerned, to combat prejudice and eliminate discrimination and to promote tolerance, understanding and good relations among Indigenous peoples and all other segments of society."

H. The City of Eugene understands colonization not as an historic event but as an ongoing structure predicated on the elimination of Indigenous life and land, and contends that the celebration of Christopher Columbus and his alleged "discovery" of Indigenous lands celebrates the colonization and dispossession of Indigenous peoples throughout the Americas.

NOW, THEREFORE,

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EUGENE, a
Municipal Corporation of the State of Oregon, as follows:**

Section 1. The City Council understands colonization not as an historic event but as an ongoing structure predicated on the elimination of Indigenous life and land, and contends that the celebration of Christopher Columbus and his alleged “discovery” of Indigenous lands celebrates the colonization and dispossession of Indigenous peoples throughout the Americas.

Section 2. The City Manager shall strike from City of Eugene calendars and websites all references to Columbus Day.

Section 3. The City of Eugene shall utilize the second Monday in October as an opportunity to reflect upon the ongoing struggles of Indigenous people of this land, to celebrate the thriving cultures and values of the Indigenous Peoples of our region, and to stand in solidarity with Indigenous peoples elsewhere.

Section 4. The City Council strongly encourages the Eugene 4J and Bethel School Districts and Board members to comply with the Oregon American Indian/Alaska Native State Plan which mandates that the public schools of our City teach about the history, culture, contemporary lives, and governments of the Indigenous peoples of the Americas, with special emphasis on those from Oregon and across the Pacific Northwest.

Section 5. The City Council encourages other businesses, organizations, and public institutions to recognize Indigenous Peoples’ Day on the second Monday in October.

Section 6. The City Council firmly commits to continue its efforts to promote the well-being and growth of Eugene’s Indigenous community.

Section 7. This Resolution is effective immediately upon its passage by the City Council.

The foregoing Resolution adopted the ____ day of _____, 2016.

City Recorder