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# Proclamation

City of Lynnwood

## 2016 Indigenous Peoples' Day

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

WHEREAS, we have a responsibility to oppose the systemic racism towards Indigenous People in the United States, which perpetuates poverty and income inequality, and exacerbates disproportionate levels of health, education, and social stability; 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, Indigenous Peoples' Day shall be used to reflect upon the ongoing struggles of Indigenous People, and to celebrate the thriving culture and value of the Coast Salish people, Snohomish, Tulalip, Stillaguamish, Sauk-Suiattle Tribes and the other Indigenous people of our region that contribute to our city; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the we, Mayor Nicola Smith, and the Lynnwood City Council, do hereby proclaim that October 10, 2016 is Indigenous Peoples' Day in Lynnwood. We call upon public officials, educators, businesses, communities, volunteers, and all the people of Lynnwood, Washington to observe this day to honor and celebrate the thriving cultures and positive values of the Indigenous People of our region.

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Nicola Smith, Mayor  
October 10, 2016

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M. Christopher Boyer, City Council President  
October 10, 2016