

## RESOLUTION NO. 2016-21

**A RESOLUTION** declaring the second Monday in October as Indigenous Peoples Day in the City of Bainbridge Island; encouraging other institutions to recognize this new special Day; 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 Bainbridge Island recognizes that the Indigenous Peoples of the lands and water known as the Americas have occupied them since time immemorial; and

**WHEREAS**, the first inhabitants of what is now known as Bainbridge Island were the Indigenous ancestors of the Suquamish People who occupied several villages along its shorelines, hunted, fished, and gathered in its waters and on its land, and were respectful keepers of its resources; and

**WHEREAS**, the City recognizes that the present community of Bainbridge Island is built upon territory that prior to the Treaty of Point Elliott in 1855 belonged to the Suquamish Tribe; and

**WHEREAS**, Indigenous peoples from elsewhere in the UNITED STATES and Canada migrated to Bainbridge Island beginning in the 1920s to work in the berry fields, met and intermarried with Filipino immigrants, and began what is now known as Bainbridge Island's Indipino community, which has made its own unique contribution to the Island's history and character; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Bainbridge Island values the historic and contemporary contributions made to this community by all of our Island's past and present Indigenous Peoples; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Bainbridge Island 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 Bainbridge Island 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**, in 2011 the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, representing 59 Tribes from Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Northern California, Western Montana and some Alaskan Tribes, passed resolution #11-57 to "Support to Change Columbus Day (2nd Monday of October) to Indigenous Peoples' Day"; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Bainbridge Island 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, **NOW, THEREFORE**,

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BAINBRIDGE ISLAND THAT:**

Section 1. The City of Bainbridge Island 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.

Section 2. The City of Bainbridge Island affirms that it is City policy to fund and participate in yearly Indigenous Peoples Day celebrations and activities, working cooperatively with local Tribes, groups, and citizens.

Section 3. The City of Bainbridge Island strongly encourages the Bainbridge Island Public School District, along with private schools, to include the teaching of Indigenous Peoples history.

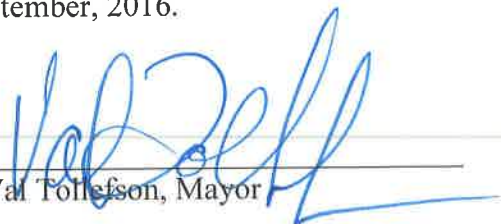
Section 4. The City of Bainbridge Island encourages other businesses, organizations, and public institutions to also recognize Indigenous Peoples Day.

Section 5. In the spirit of these goals, the City of Bainbridge Island will update its official timeline displayed in City Council Chambers with additional dates and information significant to Indigenous Peoples, including the Island's Indipino community.


Section 6. With all of this in mind, and with a deep appreciation for our Island's long and diverse history, the City Council of the City of Bainbridge Island declares the second Monday in October as Indigenous Peoples Day in the City of Bainbridge Island.

PASSED by the City Council this 27<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2016.

APPROVED by the Mayor this 27<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2016.

  
Val Tollefson, Mayor

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATE

  
Rosalind D. Lassoff, City Clerk

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