



## Legislation Text

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No appropriation required.

Proclaiming the second Monday in October as " Indigenous Peoples' Day" in Madison, Wisconsin.

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 began in commemoration of five hundred years of survival and renewal of Indigenous Nations in the face of genocide, colonization, political, religious, and cultural repression; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Madison recognizes that the Indigenous peoples of this hemisphere, that would later become known as the Americas, have lived on these lands since time immemorial and the City recognizes the fact that Madison is built upon the homelands of the Indigenous people of this region; and,

WHEREAS, this indigenous culture was disrupted and destroyed in Madison, as in all parts of this hemisphere, and yet indigenous people survive and continue to resist against current injustices and oppression; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Madison will continue to support Indigenous Nations' struggles for social and environmental justice, religious freedom and tribal sovereignty, equity; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Madison honors our country's indigenous roots and history, and seeks with this celebration to bring greater understanding to the people of Madison regarding indigenous cultures and the enormous contributions they have made and continue to make to our nation and to the City of Madison,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Madison do hereby affirm and proclaim Monday, October 9, 2017, as Indigenous Peoples' Day in Madison, Wisconsin.