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CITY OF BEAVERTON SUPPORTS INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY

BEAVERTON, Ore. – The Beaverton City Council last night adopted a resolution declaring the second Monday of October Indigenous Peoples' Day in the city of Beaverton. The city's Human Rights Advisory Commission (HRAC) brought forward the resolution.

"HRAC is proud our city adopted this resolution," said HRAC member Farrah Chaichi. "Changing Columbus Day to Indigenous Peoples' Day is a meaningful step to address human rights abuses inflicted on indigenous peoples in the past and to bring awareness to the abuses they continue to experience today."

HRAC introduced the issue to recognize the contributions and human rights of Beaverton's American Indian, Alaska native, and indigenous communities, and to encourage other institutions to recognize the day.

Indigenous Peoples' Day is recognized in various locations throughout the United States. It was first proposed at a 1977 United Nations conference as a counter-celebration to Columbus Day. In 1994, the UN designated Aug. 9 as International Day of the World's People, but many communities in the U.S. celebrate Indigenous Peoples' Day on the federally-observed Columbus Day, the second Monday of October.

The Human Rights Advisory Commission is one of the city's official boards and commissions. The group considers issues related to human rights and advises the Beaverton City Council on actions that could be taken to protect and advance human rights in Beaverton.

The city will also participate in the Portland Metro Region Indigenous Peoples' Day Celebration on Monday, Oct. 10 at the Oregon Zoo. A free celebration at 3 p.m. will include storytelling, drumming, dancing, guest speakers, crafts, and more. A community and partner reception will follow at 6 p.m. Parking passes and limited zoo entry passes are available at the zoo entrance upon arrival.

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