

RESOLUTION NO. 4408

**A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE SECOND MONDAY OF OCTOBER
INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY IN THE CITY OF BEAVERTON; ENCOURAGING
OTHER INSTITUTIONS TO RECOGNIZE THE DAY; AND REAFFIRMING THE
CITY'S COMMITMENT TO RESPECT THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF BEAVERTON'S
AMERICAN INDIAN, ALASKA NATIVE, AND INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES**

WHEREAS, the City of Beaverton recognizes that the Indigenous People of the lands that would later become known as the Americas have occupied these lands since time immemorial; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes that the Tualatin Valley was the land of the Atfalati band of the Kalapuya Indians, after whom the Valley is named; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes the area currently known as Beaverton was a Native American village called Chakeipi, or "Place of the Beaver"; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes the value of many contributions made to our community by Indigenous Peoples; and

WHEREAS, the City of Beaverton has a responsibility to oppose the systematic racism towards Indigenous Peoples of the United States, which perpetuates high rates of poverty and income inequality, exacerbating disproportionate health, education, and social crises; and

WHEREAS, it has been well-documented and historically verified that Christopher Columbus authorized and presided over the torture, enslavement, and murders of Indigenous Americans, while confiscating their homelands and resources, which seems unbecoming for a day to honor such a person; 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, the United States endorsed the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (the "Declaration") on December 16, 2010, and the Declaration recognizes that "indigenous peoples have suffered from historic injustices as a result of, inter alia, their colonization and dispossession of their lands, territories and resources"; and

WHEREAS, Article 15 of 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"; and

WHEREAS, the City's Human Rights Advisory Commission prepared this resolution and has been tasked with advising the City on issues related to human rights; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF BEAVERTON, OREGON:

That the City of Beaverton shall recognize *Indigenous Peoples' Day* on the second Monday in October; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Beaverton encourages other public institutions, businesses, and organizations to recognize Indigenous Peoples' Day; and

That the City of Beaverton shall continue its efforts to promote prosperity and well-being of local American Indian, Alaska Native, and Indigenous communities; and

That Indigenous Peoples' Day shall be used to reflect upon the ongoing struggles of Indigenous People on this land, and to celebrate the thriving culture and value that Indigenous Peoples add to our city.

Adopted by the Council this 4th day of October, 2016.

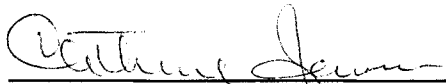
Approved by the Mayor this 5th day of October, 2016.

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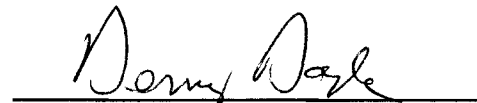
NAYS: 0

ATTEST:

APPROVED:



Catherine Jansen, City Recorder



Denny Doyle, Mayor