

**CITY OF SEATTLE**  
**RESOLUTION 31538**

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4 A RESOLUTION relating to Indigenous Peoples' Day; declaring the second Monday in October  
5 as Indigenous Peoples' Day in the City of Seattle; encouraging other institutions to  
6 recognize the Day; and reaffirming the City's commitment to promote the well-being and  
7 growth of Seattle's American Indian and Indigenous community.

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9 WHEREAS, the City of Seattle recognizes that the Indigenous Peoples of the lands that would  
10 later become known as the Americas have occupied these lands since time immemorial;  
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12 WHEREAS, the City recognizes the fact that Seattle is built upon the homelands and villages of  
13 the Indigenous Peoples of this region, without whom the building of the City would not  
14 have been possible; and

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

18 WHEREAS, the City of Seattle has a responsibility to oppose the systematic racism towards  
19 Indigenous people in the United States, which perpetuates high rates of poverty and  
20 income inequality, exacerbating disproportionate health, education, and social crises; and

21 WHEREAS, the City promotes the closing of the equity gap for Indigenous Peoples through  
22 policies and practices that reflect the experiences of Indigenous Peoples, ensure greater  
23 access and opportunity, and honor our nation's indigenous roots, history, and  
24 contributions; and

25 WHEREAS, Indigenous Peoples' Day was first proposed in 1977 by a delegation of Native  
26 Nations to the United Nations-sponsored International Conference on Discrimination  
27 Against Indigenous Populations in the Americas; and

28 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-OO to "Support to Change Columbus Day (2nd Monday of  
October) to Indigenous Peoples' Day"; and

WHEREAS, the City of Seattle was declared to be a Human Rights City on December 10, 2012,  
committing itself to protect, respect and fulfill the full range of inherent human rights for  
all as set forth in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and numerous other  
international human rights treaties;

NOW, THEREFORE,

1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE, THE**  
2 **MAYOR CONCURRING, THAT:**  
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4 Section 1. The City of Seattle strongly supports the proposition that Indigenous Peoples  
5 Day shall be an opportunity to celebrate the thriving cultures and values of the Indigenous  
6 Peoples of our region.

7 Section 2. The City of Seattle strongly encourages Seattle Public Schools to include  
8 the teaching of indigenous people's history as recommended by Chapter 205, Session Laws of  
9 2005.

10 Section 3. The City of Seattle encourages other businesses, organizations, and public  
11 institutions to recognize Indigenous Peoples' Day.

12 Section 4. The City of Seattle firmly commits to continue its efforts to promote the  
13 well-being and growth of Seattle's American Indian and Indigenous community.

14 Section 5. The Mayor and City Council of the City of Seattle jointly declare the  
15 second Monday in October as Indigenous Peoples' Day in the City of Seattle.  
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**FISCAL NOTE FOR NON-CAPITAL PROJECTS**

<b>Department:</b>	<b>Contact Person/Phone:</b>	<b>Phone:</b>
Mayor's Office	Steve Lee	684-7904

**Legislation Title:**

A RESOLUTION relating to Indigenous Peoples' Day; declaring the second Monday in October as Indigenous Peoples' Day in the City of Seattle; encouraging other institutions to recognize the Day; and reaffirming the City's commitment to promote the well-being and growth of Seattle's American Indian and Indigenous community.

**Summary of the Legislation:**

This legislation designates the second Monday in October as Indigenous Peoples' Day in the City of Seattle.

**Background:**

The City recognizes that Seattle is built upon the homelands and villages of the Indigenous Peoples of the region and that their knowledge, labor, technology, science, philosophy, arts and cultural contributions have substantially shaped the character of the City of Seattle.

  X   This legislation does not have any financial implications.

**Other Implications:**

- a) Does the legislation have indirect financial implications, or long-term implications?  
No.
- b) What is the financial cost of not implementing the legislation?  
None.
- c) Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?  
No.
- d) What are the possible alternatives to the legislation that could achieve the same or similar objectives? None.
- e) Is a public hearing required for this legislation?  
No.
- f) Is publication of notice with *The Daily Journal of Commerce* and/or *The Seattle Times* required for this legislation?

No.

**g) Does this legislation affect a piece of property?**

No.

**h) Other Issues:**

**List attachments to the fiscal note below:**



**City of Seattle**  
**Edward B. Murray**  
**Mayor**

July 29, 2014

Honorable Tim Burgess, President  
Seattle City Council  
City Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
600 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

Dear Council President Burgess:

I am pleased to transmit the attached proposed Joint Resolution that creates Indigenous Peoples' Day in the City of Seattle.

When Seattle was declared to be a Human Rights City on December 10, 2012, it committed itself to protect, respect, and fulfill the full range of inherent human rights set forth in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and numerous other international human rights treaties. That is particularly resonant because Seattle is built upon the homelands and villages of the Indigenous Peoples of this region. The tremendous contributions made to our community through the Indigenous Peoples' knowledge, labor, technology, science, philosophy, arts, and culture have substantially shaped the character of our city.

In the spirit of that commitment and celebration of that legacy I ask you and other members of the Seattle City Council to declare Indigenous Peoples' Day in the City of Seattle as the second Monday in October each year hereafter.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposed legislation. Should you have questions, please contact Steve Lee at (206) 684-7904.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Edward B. Murray", written over a horizontal line.

Edward B. Murray  
Mayor of Seattle

cc: Seattle City Council