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

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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.

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

WHEREAS, the City recognizes the fact that Seattle is built upon the homelands and villages of the Indigenous Peoples of this region, without whom the building of the City would not have been possible; and

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

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

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



1 WHEREAS, in 2014 the Seattle Human Rights Commission passed Resolution #14-03,  
2 "Recognizing the Second Monday of October as Indigenous Peoples' Day", which called  
3 upon the City to officially celebrate Indigenous Peoples' Day in order to promote  
4 tolerance, understanding and friendship, and to combat prejudice and eliminate  
5 discrimination stemming from colonization. NOW, THEREFORE,

6 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE, THE**  
7 **MAYOR CONCURRING, THAT:**

8 Section 1. The City of Seattle strongly supports the proposition that Indigenous  
9 Peoples' Day shall be an opportunity to celebrate the thriving cultures and values of the  
10 Indigenous Peoples of our region.

11 Section 2. The City of Seattle affirms that it is City policy to participate in the annual  
12 Indigenous Peoples' Day celebrations and activities; that City departments work with the  
13 Seattle Office for Civil Rights (SOCR) and the Seattle Human Rights Commission to  
14 encourage participation on a city-wide basis.

15 Section 3. The City of Seattle strongly encourages Seattle Public Schools to include  
16 the teaching of indigenous people's history as recommended by Chapter 205, Session Laws of  
17 2005.

18 Section 4. The City of Seattle encourages other businesses, organizations, and public  
19 institutions to recognize Indigenous Peoples' Day.

20 Section 5. The City of Seattle firmly commits to continue its efforts to promote the  
21 well-being and growth of Seattle's American Indian and Indigenous community.

22 Section 6. The Mayor and City Council of the City of Seattle jointly declare the  
23 second Monday in October as Indigenous Peoples' Day in the City of Seattle.  
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Adopted by the City Council the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2014, and  
signed by me in open session in authentication of its adoption this \_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_, 2014.

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President \_\_\_\_\_ of the City Council

THE MAYOR CONCURRING:

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Edward B. Murray, Mayor

Filed by me this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2014.

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Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

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**FISCAL NOTE FOR NON-CAPITAL PROJECTS**

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**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,

Edward B. Murray  
Mayor of Seattle

cc: Seattle City Council