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Oberlin City Council  
85 S. Main St.  
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Esteemed Council Members,

Thank you for your willingness to consider our Resolution to Abolish Columbus Day and replace it with Indigenous People's Day in the City of Oberlin. Three states and several cities across the U.S. have done so, and we feel Oberlin, with its rich history of supporting human rights, would be a fitting place to adopt this policy. Telling the truth about our nation's history seems vital, as we discover that most of what we have been taught seems to be embedded in mythology and folklore. Meanwhile, there continues to be evidence that we reject our treaties with Native Americans and disregard their rights. This is chronicled most recently in Standing Rock. It would be an awesome show of solidarity if this resolution were passed by the City of Oberlin before the next Columbus Day rolls around.

We have enclosed information for your review prior to our May 15 presentation.

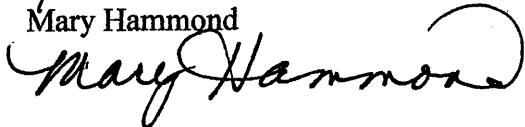
- Sample Oberlin Resolution
- Sample Resolutions from other participating cities
- Fact Sheet
- Research Overview of Native Youth Mental Health

Thank you,

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