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Committee: Public Safety, Civil Rights, and Technology

Sponsor: HARRELL; SAWANT; CO-SPONSOR: LICATA

Committee Recommendation: Adopt as Amended

Date of Committee Recommendation: September 17, 2014

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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, language, 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 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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Section 6. The Mayor and City Council of the City of Seattle jointly declare the second Monday in October as Indigenous Peoples' Day in the City of Seattle.

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.

President _____ of the City Council

THE MAYOR CONCURRING:

Edward B. Murray, Mayor

Filed by me this ____ day of _____, 2014.

Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

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RESOLUTION: CITY

Municipality of Anchorage, Alaska



PROCLAMATION

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

WHEREAS, a growing number of American cities have recognized the second Monday of October as "Indigenous Peoples Day" reimagining Columbus Day as an opportunity to celebrate indigenous resiliency; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Anchorage (MOA) recognizes the historical importance of the Indigenous Peoples of lands that later became known as the Americas, including the lands which became known as Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the MOA recognizes the fact that Anchorage is built upon lands first inhabited by the Indigenous Peoples of this region; and

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

WHEREAS, the MOA recognizes that Anchorage is Alaska's "biggest village," with more than 23,000 Alaska Natives calling Anchorage their home.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ethan Berkowitz, Mayor of Anchorage, Alaska, do hereby proclaim the second Monday of October to be

Indigenous Peoples Day

AND strongly encourage public institutions, businesses, and organizations to recognize and support Indigenous Peoples' Day; reaffirming the Municipality's commitment to demonstrate appreciation of Alaska's first peoples.


MAYOR