

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-46**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PENSACOLA, FLORIDA DESIGNATING THE SECOND MONDAY IN OCTOBER AS “INDIGENOUS PEOPLES’ DAY” TO CELEBRATE AND HONOR INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND THEIR SHARED HISTORY AND CULTURE IN PENSACOLA AND NORTHWEST FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS “Indigenous Peoples’ Day” was first proposed in 1977, by a delegation of Native Nations to the United Nations International Conference on Discrimination against Indigenous Populations in the Americas;

WHEREAS currently over 50 municipalities and 9 States celebrate “Indigenous Peoples’ Day” on the second Monday of October;

WHEREAS Columbus Day is a Federal holiday, established by order of President Roosevelt in 1937, and is officially recognized by some cities and States around the country on the second Monday of October;

WHEREAS Columbus Day does not currently provide an opportunity to reflect on the colonization of North America by Europeans;

WHEREAS prior to colonization, indigenous peoples lived and flourished in the Americas, including Florida for thousands of years;

WHEREAS the European colonization of North America led to the suppression, forced assimilation, and genocide of indigenous peoples and their cultures;

WHEREAS the United States House of Representatives recognizes and values the vast contributions made to the United States by indigenous peoples’ knowledge, science, philosophy, arts, and culture;

WHEREAS it is the responsibility of the City of Pensacola to foster inclusivity, racial equity, and justice for all people and oppose systemic practices that perpetuate oppression;

WHEREAS the City of Pensacola recognizes its responsibility to honor the Nation’s indigenous roots, history, traditions, and cultural contributions; and

WHEREAS the second Monday in October would be an appropriate date to designate as “Indigenous Peoples’ Day” as that date is celebrated throughout the United States as “indigenous Peoples’ Day.

NOW, THEREFORE BE; IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PENSACOLA, FLORIDA;

Section 1. That the City Council of the City of Pensacola recognize the second Monday of October, beginning in 2020, as "Indigenous Peoples' Day."

Section 2. This Resolution shall become effective on the fifth business day after adoption, unless otherwise provided pursuant to Section 4.03(d) of the City Charter of the City of Pensacola.

Adopted: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

President of City Council

Attest:

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City Clerk