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Agenda Item Name	0320 - A RESOLUTION RELATING TO INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY

Agenda Wording

A Resolution relating to recognizing the second Monday in October each year as Indigenous Peoples' Day in the City of Spokane.

Summary (Background)

The City of Spokane recognizes that our country's indigenous peoples have long been subject to systemic oppression and prejudice, and that other cities around the country have taken steps similar to this resolution to recognize and salute indigenous American populations for their history, their resiliency, and their contributions to American culture.

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RESOLUTION NO. 2016-0073

A RESOLUTION relating to recognizing the second Monday in October each year as Indigenous Peoples' Day in the City of Spokane.

WHEREAS, the City of Spokane recognizes that the Indigenous Peoples of the lands that would later become known as the Americas have lived here on these lands since time immemorial; and

WHEREAS, the City of Spokane is built upon the homelands and village sites of the Indigenous Peoples of this region; and

WHEREAS, the City of Spokane recognizes the historical and spiritual significance of Spokane Falls to the Native people of the region who came to the falls as a gathering place for fishing, spiritual practice, trading, celebrations, and the sharing of bounty; and

WHEREAS, the City of Spokane values the many contributions made to our community through Indigenous Peoples' knowledge, labor, technology, science, philosophy, arts, and the deep cultural contributions that have and continue to deeply affect the character of Spokane; and

WHEREAS, the City of Spokane opposes the historical prejudices against Indigenous people in the United States which have perpetuated high rates of poverty and income inequality, exacerbated disproportionate health, education, and social outcomes, and contributed to differential rates of incarceration in our community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Spokane desires to help close 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, one action the City can take to affect these disproportionate impacts is to recognize and make permanent a way to celebrate, learn about, remember, and practice our region's indigenous roots, history, culture, 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 ("ATNI"), 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

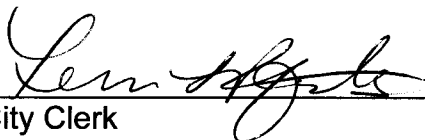
WHEREAS, the Cities of Berkeley, Nevada City, Sebastopol, and Santa Cruz, California; Denver, Colorado; Lawrence, Kansas; Belfast, Maine; Alpena and Traverse City, Michigan; Grand Rapids, Red Wing, St. Paul, and Minneapolis, Minnesota; Anadarko, Oklahoma; Albuquerque, New Mexico; Carrboro, North Carolina; Portland, Oregon; Olympia and Seattle, Washington; Bexar County, Texas; and the states of Alaska and South Dakota have recognized and set apart a day each year to celebrate the tremendous impact Indigenous Peoples have on our culture.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SPOKANE CITY COUNCIL, that the City of Spokane declares that the second Monday in October in each year is, and hereafter shall be, Indigenous Peoples' Day in the City of Spokane.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, that the City of Spokane strongly supports the proposition that Indigenous Peoples' Day shall be an opportunity to celebrate the thriving cultures and values of the American Indians, Alaska Natives, and Indigenous Peoples of our region.

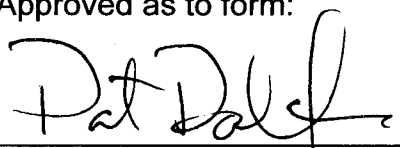
BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Spokane encourages other businesses, organizations, and public institutions to recognize and observe Indigenous Peoples' Day and firmly commit to efforts to promote the well-being and growth of Spokane's American Indian and Indigenous community.

Passed by the City Council this 29th day of August, 2016.



City Clerk

Approved as to form:



Assistant City Attorney

