



The Traverse City Human Rights Commission

A Resolution Recognizing the Second Monday of October as Indigenous Peoples Day

- WHEREAS,** the City of Traverse City recognizes the annexation of Ottawa and Chippewa homelands for the building of our City, and knows Indigenous nations have lived upon this land since time immemorial and values the progress our society has accomplished through American Indian technology, thought, and culture; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Traverse City understands that in order to help close the equity gap, government entities, organizations and other public institutions should change their policies and practices to better reflect experiences of American Indian people and uplift our country's Indigenous roots, history, and contributions; and
- WHEREAS,** the idea of 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 1990, representatives from 120 Indigenous Nations at the First Continental Conference on 500 Years of Indian Resistance unanimously passed a resolution to transform Columbus Day into an opportunity to educate the rest of the country about pre-existing Indian cultures that have survived an often violent colonization process and continue to exist and thrive in present day America; and
- WHEREAS:** The Seattle City Council on October 6, 2014, followed the lead of municipalities including the City of Berkeley, California, and City of Minneapolis, Minnesota, in voting to rename Columbus Day as Indigenous Peoples Day to honor the culture, heritage, and contributions of Native Americans; and
- WHEREAS:** The Tribal Council of the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians has passed a Resolution (1) officially recognizing Indigenous Peoples Day on the second Monday in October, (2) that Indigenous Peoples Day shall be used to reflect upon the ongoing struggles of indigenous peoples on this land, and to celebrate the thriving culture and value that Odawa, Ojibwe, Potawatomi, and other indigenous peoples add to communities throughout and beyond the Grand Traverse region

WHEREAS, the City of Traverse City has a strong history of over eight decades of American Indian activism, which the City celebrates and honors; and

WHEREAS, the United States Federal Government recognizes Columbus Day on the second Monday of October, in accordance with the Federal holiday established in 1937; now, therefore, be it

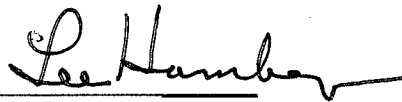
RESOLVED, by the Human Rights Commission that the City of Traverse City shall recognize Indigenous Peoples Day on the second Monday of October; and, further be it

RESOLVED, that the City of Traverse City shall continue its efforts to promote the well-being and growth of the Traverse City American and Indigenous community; and further be it

RESOLVED, that Indigenous Peoples Day shall be used to reflect upon the ongoing struggles of Indigenous people on this land, and to celebrate the thriving culture and value that that Odawa, Ojibwe, Potawatomi, and other indigenous peoples add to communities throughout and beyond the Grand Traverse region; and, further be it

RESOLVED, the City of Traverse City encourages other businesses, organizations and public entities to recognize Indigenous Peoples Day.

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was approved and adopted by the Traverse City Human Rights Commission at its regular meeting held on January 12, 2015, in the County Committee Room, Governmental Center, 400 Boardman Avenue, Traverse City, Michigan 49684.



Lee Hornberger, Chair