

RESOLUTION NO. 170786

Declaring Monday, October 9, 2017, as Indigenous People's Day in Kansas City, Missouri.

WHEREAS, Christopher Columbus, a man who is known to have "discovered" the Americas, came upon land that was already inhabited by Indigenous Peoples; and

WHEREAS, Columbus' voyage to the Americas opened the door to crimes, including but not limited to the introduction of transatlantic slavery and genocidal acts against Indigenous People; and

WHEREAS, the Indigenous People were promised security and protection, though were forcibly relocated and their land seized to allow for European settlements; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kansas City and current day Jackson County was historically inhabited by the American Indian people; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kansas City recognizes and acknowledges the significant contributions made in our community by Indigenous People and commits to ensure greater access and opportunity for continued contribution; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kansas City has the opportunity and means to cultivate a community that honors and respects the diverse history of our community; and

WHEREAS, the idea of Indigenous Peoples' Day was first proposed in 1977 by a delegation of Native Nations to the United Nations; and

WHEREAS, this day should be recognized for the original inhabitants of the Americas - Indigenous People; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF KANSAS CITY:

That the Mayor and Council hereby declare Monday, October 9, 2017, as an Indigenous Peoples' Day in the City; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be spread upon the Minutes of the Council in testimony thereof and that a copy hereof be presented to Chief Billy Friend of the Wyandotte Nation and John JH O'Brien of the American Indian Enterprise and Business Council with the Mayor and Council strongly encouraging community members, schools, businesses, public and private organizations, and other community partners to join communities across America in recognizing and promoting the wellbeing and understanding of the contributions of our Indigenous communities.



Authenticated as Passed



Sly James, Mayor



Marilyn Sanders, City Clerk

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Date Passed