

City of Houston, Texas, Resolution No. 2020- 40

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE SECOND MONDAY IN OCTOBER AS INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY.

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WHEREAS, October 12, 1492, marks one of the most significant dates to all indigenous people of the Americas – the beginning of the colonization of indigenous people that forever changed their identity, cultures and achievements; and

WHEREAS, the area around present-day Houston was home to many different groups, bands, and tribes of Indigenous Peoples likely dating as far back as 9,000 years ago, and the City of Houston acknowledges and honors these members of the community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Houston recognizes and values the historic, cultural, and contemporary significance and contributions made to this community by all our region's past and present Indigenous Peoples; and

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

WHEREAS, a growing number of cities and states across the United States have recognized the second Monday of October as Indigenous Peoples' Day as an alternative to the federally recognized Columbus Day; and

WHEREAS, officially recognizing Indigenous Peoples' Day on the second Monday of October provides a more balanced representation of our region's cultural and diverse history and constitutes a small act of restitution for the hardships endured by Indigenous Peoples since the onset of European colonization of the Americas; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS:

Section 1. That the City Council hereby declares the second Monday in October as Indigenous Peoples' Day in the City of Houston.

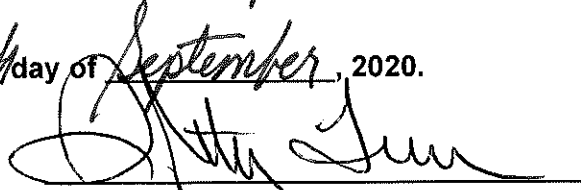
Section 2. That the City of Houston affirms its willingness to participate in annual Indigenous Peoples' Day celebrations and activities and promote the wellbeing and growth of the City's American Indian and Indigenous Community.

Section 3. That the City of Houston encourages other businesses, organizations, and public institutions to recognize Indigenous Peoples' Day.

Section 4. That this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; however, in the event that the Mayor fails to sign this Resolution within five days after its passage and adoption, it shall take effect in accordance with Article VI, Section 6, Houston City Charter.

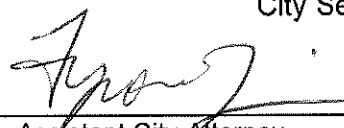
PASSED AND ADOPTED this 30th day of September, 2020.

APPROVED this 30th day of September, 2020.


 Mayor of the City of Houston

Pursuant to Article VI, Section 6, Houston City Charter, the effective date of the foregoing Resolution is _____.

 City Secretary

JSC
 Prepared by Legal Dept. 
 TKL:jmb 09/23/2020 Assistant City Attorney
 Requested by Sylvester Turner, Mayor of the City of Houston
 L.D. No. 0422000132001

AYE	NO	Roll Call
✓		MAYOR TURNER
....	COUNCIL MEMBERS
✓		PECK
✓		DAVIS
✓		KAMIN
✓		EVANS-SHABAZZ
✓		MARTIN
✓		THOMAS
	✓	TRAVIS
✓		CISNEROS
✓		GALLEGOS
✓		POLLARD
✓		MARTHA CASTEX-TATUM
	✓	KNOX
✓		ROBINSON
		ABSENT-ON PERSONAL BUSINESS
✓		KUBOSH
		PLUMMER
✓		ALCORN
CAPTION 14	ADOPTED 2	PASS

CAPTION PUBLISHED IN DAILY COURT
 REVIEW DATE: **OCT 06 2020**