

RESOLUTION NUMBER 5060

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PERRIS, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, RENAMING THE CITY HOLIDAY OCCURRING ON THE SECOND MONDAY OF OCTOBER FROM COLUMBUS DAY TO INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY AND RECOGNIZING INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY AS A DAY TO CELEBRATE THE HISTORY, CULTURE, AND GOVERNMENTS OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES.

WHEREAS, the City of Perris is committed to protecting and advocating for justice, human rights, and the equal treatment of all people who live and work in the City of Perris; and

WHEREAS, the United States endorsed the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (the "Declaration") on December 16, 2010 and the Declaration recognizes that "indigenous peoples have suffered from historic injustices as a result of, inter alia, their colonization and dispossession of their lands, territories and resources"; and

WHEREAS, Article 15 of the Declaration recognizes the right of indigenous peoples "to the dignity and diversity of their cultures, traditions, histories and aspirations which shall be appropriately reflected in education and public information" and places an obligation on States to "take effective measures, in consultation and cooperation with the indigenous peoples concerned, to combat prejudice and eliminate discrimination and to promote tolerance, understanding and good relations among indigenous peoples and all other segments of society"; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes that the indigenous peoples of the lands that would later become known as the Americas have occupied these lands since time immemorial; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes that the celebration of Christopher Columbus and his alleged 1492 discovery of the lands that would later become known as the Americas works to celebrate an era of colonization and dispossession of indigenous peoples' homelands, as well as the decimation of entire groups of indigenous peoples from North and South America; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes the dignity and diversity of the cultures, traditions, histories and aspirations of the City's peoples and indigenous ancestry; and

WHEREAS, the City seeks to combat prejudice and eliminate discrimination stemming from colonization and to promote tolerance, understanding and good relations among indigenous peoples and all other segments of our society; and

WHEREAS, the City values the contributions made to our City and our society through indigenous peoples' arts, knowledge, technology, science, philosophy, and culture; and

WHEREAS, the City seeks to promote events related to indigenous culture; and

WHEREAS, the City promotes the closing of the equity gap for indigenous peoples through policies and practices of government entities, organizations, and other public institutions that reflect the experiences of indigenous peoples and honor our nation's indigenous roots, history, 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 as a holiday to celebrate the Indigenous People of North America; 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 occasion to strengthen the process of continental unity in a struggle towards liberation, and to reveal a more accurate historical record.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Perris:

1. The City renames the City holiday occurring on the second Monday of October from Columbus Day to Indigenous Peoples' Day.
2. The City recognizes Indigenous Peoples' Day as a day to celebrate the history, culture, and governments of indigenous peoples of our state.
3. The City encourages its partners and vendors to recognize Indigenous Peoples' Day on the second Monday in October.
4. The City encourages all schools to teach about the history, culture, and governments of indigenous peoples of our state and give special focus to the history, culture, and governments of indigenous peoples on the second Monday of October.
5. The City Clerk shall certify the adoption of this Resolution and shall cause this Resolution and her certification to be filed in the office of the City Clerk.

ADOPTED, SIGNED AND APPROVED this 25th Day of October 2016

Daryl R. Busch, Mayor of the City of Perris

ATTEST:

Nancy Salazar, City Clerk

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE) §
CITY OF PERRIS)

I, Nancy Salazar, City Clerk of the City of Perris, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution Number 5060 was duly and regularly adopted by the City Council of the City of Perris at a regular meeting thereof held the 25th day of October 2016, by the following vote.

AYES: BURKE, RABB, ROGERS, YARBROUGH, BUSCH
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE

Nancy Salazar, City Clerk