

**PROCLAMATION**  
**RECOGNIZING THE SECOND MONDAY IN OCTOBER AS**  
**INDIGENEOUS PEOPLE’S DAY**

**WHEREAS**, as a direct result of Christopher Columbus landing on the island of Guanahani (Bahamas) on October 12, 1492 - indigenous people, the original inhabitants of this hemisphere - suffered injustice, exploitation, and genocide through slavery, forced removal, involuntary relocation, war, broken treaties, rape and the implementation of laws and policies to support such exploits by the United States of America. As a result of these exploits, indigenous people today experience psychological, inter-generational and historical trauma and the loss of culture, language, identity, resources; and

**WHEREAS**, Indigenous People’s Day was first proposed in 1977 at the United Nations’ International Conference on Discrimination Against Indigenous Populations in the Americas to proclaim and celebrate indigenous cultures, values, land and identity; and

**WHEREAS**, Indigenous People’s Day honors the culture, heritage, and contributions of Indigenous Nations on the second Monday of October, replacing Columbus Day in order to dispel the historical falsehood that Columbus “discovered” America; and

**WHEREAS**, California Governor Newsom in 2019 acknowledged California Indian genocide and wants Californians to learn Native American history; and

**WHEREAS**, the Wintun people are recognized as the original inhabitants of this land now known as the city of Davis; and the city of Davis benefits from the values and contributions by the Native American peoples’ knowledge, labor, technology, science, philosophy, arts, culture and resources that serve as its cultural foundation.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, we, the Davis City Council, on behalf of the citizens of Davis, do hereby proclaim that the City of Davis recognizes and observes Indigenous People’s Day on the second Monday of October every year hereafter; strongly encourages Davis public schools, businesses, organizations, and other public institutions to recognize Indigenous People’s Day; and commits itself to promote the health and well-being of Native American populations in Davis, as demonstrated by this proclamation of Indigenous People’s Day.

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