



Project title: Indigenous People’s Day Resolution

City Council Agenda Item Cover Sheet

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Public hearing

..... Yes No X

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..... Yes No X

PowerPoint presentation:

..... Yes No X

Attachments:

Resolution

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Community Development

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Project summary statement:

Prior to COVID-19, Councilmember Vogeli brought forward a draft of an Indigenous People’s Day Resolution to the Mayor’s Diversity Advisory for review. Once a draft was reviewed, the final draft was shared with Mayor Franklin. The draft was subsequently shared with partners at the Tulalip Tribes to seek input, ensure agreement and support. The Tribes re-shared the history that the City of Everett lies on the historic land of the Snohomish (sduhubš) and their successors the Tulalip Tribes, they lived on these lands and others since time immortal.

Recommendation (exact action requested of Council):

Adopt Resolution proclaiming the second Monday of October as Indigenous People’s Day.

Initialed by:

Department head

Administration

Council President



RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION of the City of Everett proclaiming the second Monday of October as Indigenous Peoples' Day

WHEREAS,

1. Columbus Day is observed as a federal holiday, established by order of President Roosevelt in 1937, and is officially recognized by some cities and states around the country on the second Monday of October, although it is not an official City of Everett holiday; and
2. Columbus Day provides an opportunity to reflect on the colonization of North America by Europeans and the development over the past 500-plus years of a unique, diverse, and complex civilization unlike that of other parts of the world; and
3. The celebration of Columbus Day represents only a part of the history of this country's and region's cultural evolution; and
4. Other cities and states around the nation, including such regional jurisdictions as Lynnwood, Seattle, Bainbridge Island, Spokane and Yakima, have acted to proclaim the second Monday in October as Indigenous Peoples' Day; and
5. Indigenous Peoples' Day was first proposed in 1977 by a delegation of Native Americans to the United Nations sponsored International Conference on Discrimination Against Indigenous Populations in the Americas; and
6. Indigenous Peoples' Day provides an opportunity to recognize the Coast Salish Peoples, who have inhabited the Puget Sound region for thousands of years, encompassing the shorelands and uplands of Everett, using the area to harvest salmon, shellfish and land-based resources; and
7. The City of Everett lies on the historic land of the Snohomish people and their successors the Tulalip Tribes, they have lived on these lands and others since time immemorial; and
8. Indigenous Peoples of the Puget Sound region enjoy and exhibit a rich, diverse culture and enduring spirit that continues to be present and celebrated to this day in Everett and throughout the region; and

9. Indigenous culture is enshrined in sovereign tribal nations throughout the region, memorialized in case law that recognizes historic fishing and water rights, and is celebrated and recounted in the statewide “Since Time Immemorial” curriculum required since 2015 in the public schools; and
10. The European colonization of North America also led to the suppression, forced assimilation, and genocide of Indigenous Peoples and their cultures; and
11. The City of Everett values the historic and contemporary contributions made to this community by all our region’s past and present Indigenous Peoples; and
12. Officially recognizing Indigenous Peoples on the second Monday of October would help provide a more balanced representation of our region’s cultural history and constitute a small act of restitution for the hardships endured by Indigenous Peoples since the onset of European colonization of the Americas; and
13. The residents and elected leaders of the City of Everett embrace an open and affirming community that celebrates diversity and rejects oppression of minoritized people, including Indigenous People; and
14. The City of Everett is committed to promoting respect for, and understanding of, the region’s indigenous community, their long history, and their continuing contribution to contemporary society;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY the Everett City Council, and the Mayor concurring That:

The second Monday in October, currently recognized as a federal holiday known as Columbus Day, will also be known in the City of Everett as Indigenous Peoples’ Day.

The City Council and Mayor encourage residents, businesses, organizations, and public institutions in Everett to also memorialize and celebrate Indigenous Peoples on the second Monday of October.

The City Council and Mayor encourage residents, businesses, organizations and public institutions in Everett to take steps to acquire a more complete and balanced history of this continents and region’s development since the arrival of European settlers, including an understanding of the contributions made by Indigenous Peoples, together with the hardships and sacrifices endured by Indigenous Peoples.

Elizabeth Vogeli, Council Member Introducing Resolution

Passed and approved this _____ day of _____, 2021.

Cassie Franklin, Mayor

Brenda Stonecipher, Council President

Paul Roberts, Council Member

Jeff Moore, Council Member

Scott Murphy, Council Member

Elizabeth Vogeli, Council Member

Scott Bader, Council Member

Judy Tuohy, Council member