

MOTION

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Native Americans are descendants of the aboriginal, indigenous, native people who were the original inhabitants of this continent. One way to recognize the enormous historical contributions of Native American heritage and Indigenous People is through celebrations of culture, recognition of traditions, and the continued support of artistic self-expression. The City of Los Angeles has a rich and unique history and diversity represented within the indigenous population residing here. In recognition of cultural contributions and the tribal presence here, the City celebrates American Indian Heritage Month every year.

The celebration aims to express Native American values and teach about the history of indigenous people in southern California. This celebration, like many others across the nation, highlights the achievements and contributions to the United States. As declared by the presidential proclamation of 2015, Native Americans and their traditions inspire the ideals of self-governance and determination that are the framework of our Nation. There are significant contributions by Native Americans including agriculture, medicine, self-governance, music, language and art. In addition, there are globally recognized inventors, scholars, and spiritual leaders.

Thus, it is fitting that the City of Los Angeles honor the historic contributions of indigenous, aboriginal and native peoples by establishing the Indigenous Peoples Day as a legal City holiday.

I THEREFORE MOVE that that the City Council instruct the City Administrative Officer to report on establishing Indigenous Peoples Day as a legal City holiday.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council request the Los Angeles Human Relations Commission, with the assistance of the Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission, to report on the historical importance and cultural impact of establishing Indigenous Peoples Day as a legal City holiday.

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