

RESOLUTION

Ivy Queen Day

WHEREAS, Martha Ivelisse Pesante, known around the world as Ivy Queen, has built a groundbreaking career spanning more than three decades and is recognized as one of the most influential and pioneering women in reggaeton and Latin urban music who helped shape the genre's rise from Puerto Rico to the global stage; and

WHEREAS, born in New York and raised in Añasco, Puerto Rico, Ivy Queen began her career as a member of the group "The Noise" before launching a solo career that would help redefine the role of women in a genre overwhelmingly dominated by men; and

WHEREAS, through landmark albums including *En Mi Imperio*, *The Original Rude Girl*, *Diva*, *Real*, *Flashback*, *Sentimiento*, *Drama*, *Queen*, *Musa*, and her ambitious multigenre *#VendettaTheProject*, Ivy Queen established a fearless and unmistakable voice that has influenced generations of artists across Latin music and beyond; and

WHEREAS, songs such as "Quiero Bailar," "Cuentale," "Que Lloren," "Te He Querido, Te He Llorado," "La Vida Es Así," and countless others became anthems of independence, strength, self-respect, and female empowerment, earning Ivy Queen the enduring titles "La Diva," "La Caballota," and the "Queen of Reggaeton"; and

WHEREAS, throughout her career, Ivy Queen has broken barriers and expanded the reach of Latin urban music around the world, earning chart success, platinum and gold certifications, sold-out performances, and recognition from audiences throughout the Americas, Europe, and beyond; and

WHEREAS, her extraordinary contributions to music and songwriting have earned her some of the industry's highest honors including *People en Español's* 25 Most Powerful Women of 2019, a Lifetime Achievement Award at Premios Tu Música Urbano and induction into the Latin Songwriters Hall of Fame in 2019, where she was recognized for her distinguished body of work and lasting influence; and

WHEREAS, Ivy Queen has continued to open doors for women in music, using her artistry and platform to champion dignity, resilience, confidence, and self-worth; and

WHEREAS, in 2024, Ivy Queen made history as the first female urban artist to perform at Carnegie Hall, bringing reggaeton to one of the world's most celebrated stages and marking another historic milestone for women and Latin urban music; and

WHEREAS, Los Angeles has held a special place in Ivy Queen's career, with her music deeply embraced by generations of Angelenos and her artistry reflecting the cultural pride, diversity, heart and spirit of the Latino community that has helped shape this city; and

WHEREAS, Ivy Queen's trailblazing legacy extends far beyond her own success, as the path she helped forge has made it possible for generations of women to unapologetically claim their place, their voice, and their power in Latin music;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Los Angeles City Council hereby honors Ivy Queen for more than three decades of groundbreaking artistry, cultural impact, female empowerment, and extraordinary contributions to Latin music, and proudly declares September 26, 2026, as "Ivy Queen Day" in the City of Los Angeles.

PRESENTED BY: 
CURREN D. PRICE, JR.
Councilmember, Ninth District

SECONDED BY:




SEP 11 2026

ORIGINAL

RESOLUTION
Indigenous Peoples' Day 2026
Comunidades Indigenas en Liderazgo (CIELO)

WHEREAS, Native Americans are descendants of the aboriginal, Indigenous, Native people who were the original inhabitants of this continent; and

WHEREAS, Los Angeles County is home to over 327,930 people who identify as Native American or California Indian; and

WHEREAS, displaced Indigenous migrant communities have been historically undercounted in the Census, and Los Angeles is home to individuals from more than 30 distinct Maya Indigenous communities from Mexico and Central America; and

WHEREAS, Indigenous Peoples' Day is part of an international movement to address the legacy of colonialism, reveal historical truths about the genocide and oppression of Indigenous peoples, organize against current injustices, and to celebrate Indigenous resistance; and

WHEREAS, Indigenous Peoples' Day further provides an opportunity to celebrate the heritage, traditions, and resilience of Indigenous peoples; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles aims to promote inclusivity, diversity, and respect for all individuals and communities within our city limits; and

WHEREAS, Indigenous people have lived on this continent for thousands of years, passing down ancestral traditions, respect for the Earth, and a deep understanding of science, art, architecture, spirituality, and human cultural expression, including insights into the origin and destiny of humanity; and

WHEREAS, Indigenous communities have made significant contributions to the growth, development, and progress in the City of Los Angeles through a legacy of rich traditions, art, language, medicine, environmental stewardship, and more; and

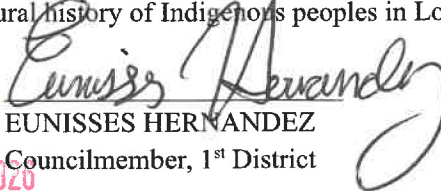
WHEREAS, recognizing Indigenous Peoples Day will foster a greater understanding and appreciation of the historical and contemporary issues faced by Indigenous communities; and

WHEREAS, Native and Indigenous communities advocated for decades to remove the false narrative of Christopher Columbus; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles approved Ordinance No. 185261 on November 21, 2017, which created Indigenous Peoples' Day as a legal holiday for the City of Los Angeles, and struck from the Los Angeles Administrative Code all references to Columbus Day; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles officially recognizes October 12, 2026 as Indigenous Peoples' Day, celebrated every year on the second Monday of October to honor the rich cultural history of Indigenous peoples in Los Angeles.

PRESENTED BY:


EUNISSES HERNANDEZ
Councilmember, 1st District

SECONDED BY:


All of Council

SEP 11 2020

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RESOLUTION
Indigenous Peoples' Day 2026
United American Indian Involvement (UAI)

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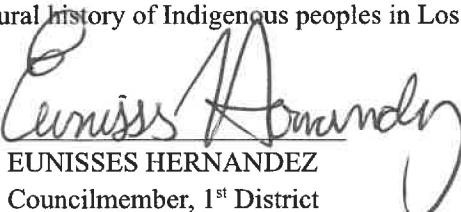
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SEP 15 2026

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RESOLUTION
EL RESCATE
45th YEAR ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, El Rescate was created in the year 1981 as an initiative of the Southern California Ecumenical Council and the Santana Chirino Amaya Central American Refugee Committee in the Pico-Union/Westlake area of the City of Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, since its creation El Rescate has been recognized by local, state and federal offices for the work defending immigrant rights, including the County of Los Angeles Human Relations Commission for the “Empowerment and Legal Access Program”, on March 18, 2026; and

WHEREAS, El Rescate has been a pioneer in educational initiatives, and received a special grant from the AI Open Foundation to launch the “Youth + AI Summer Institute”, a program for young people who want to think, create and understand Artificial Intelligence; and

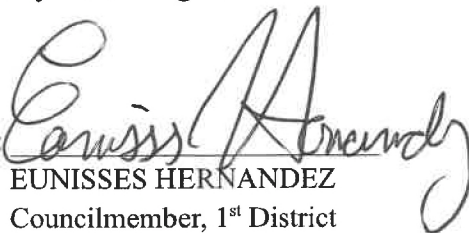
WHEREAS, during its 45 years, El Rescate has helped to establish the Clinica Oscar Romero; the Comunidades Community Credit Union; El Refugio Shelter, the International Convention of Salvadorans in the World; the Human Rights Department and the Index of Accountability; the National Central American Roundtable, the Central American Plaza Francisco Morazán and has established the Central American Coalition and the Feria Agostina of Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, Salvador Sanabria, Chief Executive Officer and President of the Board of Directors; Jocelyn Duarte, Treasurer of the Board of Directors; Francisco Pineda, Secretary of the Board; Stephanie Lemus, Board Member; Anne Mello, Board Member and Francisco Rivera, founding member of the Santana Chirino Amaya Central American Refugee Committee continue their tireless work with the communities El Rescate serves; and

WHEREAS, Ana Cristina Torres, Chief Financial Officer and David Tipaz, receptionist and paralegal of El Rescate have been working for El Rescate for the last 27 years; and Attorneys Jesse Blancarte, Daniel Escamilla and Anamarie Gesmundo Basay make an impactful addition in the Legal Department; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles officially recognizes October 9, 2026 as 45 Years of El Rescate providing critical services to the immigrant community of the City of Los Angeles.

PRESENTED BY:


EUNISSES HERNANDEZ
Councilmember, 1st District

SECONDED BY:


All of Council


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RESOLUTION
Indigenous Peoples' Day 2026
Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission

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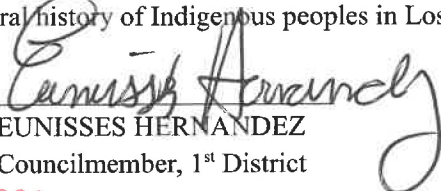
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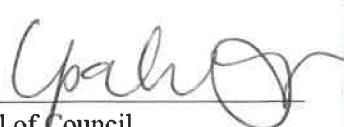
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RESOLUTION
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Gil Birmingham

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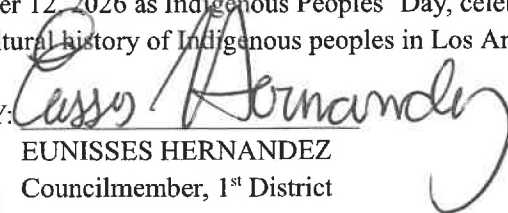
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Councilmember, 1st District

SECONDED BY: 
All of Council

SEP 15 2026

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RESOLUTION- Adult Education and Family Literacy Week 2026

WHEREAS, more than 43 million American adults struggle with foundational literacy skills, more than 62 million lack basic numeracy skills, more than 28 million lack basic digital skills, and millions more seek the education, credentials, and workforce training needed to fully participate in today's economy; and

WHEREAS, already, 69 percent of American employers report challenges in finding the skilled talent they need. Illiteracy costs the U.S. economy over \$300 billion per year in lost earnings, lower productivity, less innovation, and increased need for government assistance; and

WHEREAS, adult education and family literacy programs open doors to opportunity by helping adults earn high school equivalency diplomas, improve English language skills, prepare for college and careers, strengthen digital literacy and the ability to use AI and emerging technologies, and build the skills needed for lifelong success; and

WHEREAS, a strong adult education system strengthens our workforce, helps employers meet growing talent needs, increases economic mobility, and builds healthier, more resilient families and communities. Adult education providers—including community colleges, school districts, literacy organizations, correctional education programs, workforce partners, libraries, and community-based organizations—deliver high-quality educational opportunities that transform lives every day; and

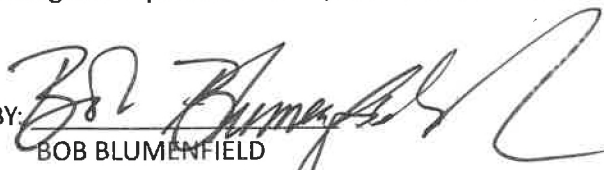
WHEREAS, as our nation commemorates America's 250th anniversary, expanding access to adult education honors the promise of opportunity by empowering more Americans to participate fully in civic life, contribute to their communities, and help shape the nation's next 250 years; and

WHEREAS, National Adult Education & Family Literacy Week recognizes the achievements of adult learners, honors the educators, volunteers, and partners who support them, and raises awareness of the essential role adult education plays in strengthening families, communities, and the nation; and

WHEREAS, the National Association for the Transformation of Adult Education (NAFTAE) serves as the nation's leading advocacy organization dedicated to advancing public policy, strengthening grassroots advocacy, and elevating the voices of adult learners and educators to ensure adult education remains a cornerstone of America's workforce and future prosperity:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that by the adoption of this resolution, the Los Angeles City Council does hereby recognize September 13-19, 2026 as Adult Education & Family Literacy Week.

PRESENTED BY:


BOB BLUMENFELD

Councilmember, 3rd District


SEP 15 2026

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SECONDED BY:

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SEP 15 2026

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles joins cities across the nation in celebrating Food Day, a day observed to uplift and advocate the importance of Good Food for All; and

WHEREAS, this year, the theme for Food Day 2026 is "Community Rooted: Good Food For All Movement"

WHEREAS, Good Food for All promotes healthy, affordable, sustainable and fair food and helps increase access to Good Food for all communities; and

WHEREAS, the Good Food Movement includes food growers, distributors, retailers, and consumers who amplify a vision for a just and sustainable food system which respects people and our planet; and

WHEREAS, economic and community development rooted in equitable access to capital and infrastructure, a Good Food economy which is recognized to have a positive impact on the nourishment, sustenance and living conditions of Los Angeles communities; and

WHEREAS, the need for healthy and culturally-relevant foods including support for urban and regenerative agricultural, healthy food entrepreneurs, businesses and retailers in Los Angeles can help spark economic and community development; and

WHEREAS, the City is working towards accomplishing a Good Food system that prioritizes systematic change across sectors to ensure that all Angelenos working, living, and interacting with our food system in Los Angeles can benefit from nutritious and high-quality foods:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by adoption of this Resolution, the Los Angeles City Council does hereby declare Friday, October 16, 2026, as "Good Food Day" in the City of Los Angeles as a tribute to the principles of the Good Food movement for its representation in access to healthy, culturally-desired foods, a Good Food economy supporting local supply chains and agriculture, advocacy addressing food equity, and commitment to promoting access to Good Food for all Angelenos.

PRESENTED BY:


NITHYA RAMAN
Councilmember, 4th District

SECONDED BY:



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SEP 15 2026

Resolution- Brahma Bodega

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles recognizes that access to healthy, affordable, nutritious, and culturally appropriate food is fundamental to the health, dignity, educational success, and well-being of Angelenos; and

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles Food Policy Council's Good Food for All Agenda provides a roadmap for building an equitable, sustainable, and resilient food system in Los Angeles, with Food and Nutrition Security identified as a central pillar focused on ensuring reliable access to affordable, nutritious, and culturally appropriate food; and

WHEREAS, college students can face significant financial pressures that make it difficult to consistently afford sufficient nutritious food, and food insecurity can create additional barriers to academic achievement, persistence, and completion; and

WHEREAS, Los Angeles Pierce College, located in Council District 3, has responded to these challenges through its Brahma Bodega and Basic Needs Program, which connects students with food, housing resources, referrals to campus and community support programs, and case-management services; and

WHEREAS, the Brahma Bodega provides currently enrolled Pierce College students with access to food at no cost, including daily snacks, shelf-stable food, and ready-made meals, helping students meet immediate nutritional needs while reducing the stress associated with food insecurity; and

WHEREAS, the Brahma Bodega and Basic Needs Program goes beyond emergency food distribution by connecting students with resources related to housing, public benefits, health and wellness, and other essential needs, recognizing that food insecurity is interconnected with broader economic and social conditions; and

WHEREAS, the Fresh Bodega initiative expands access to fresh produce and other nutritious foods, while creating opportunities for collaboration between Los Angeles Pierce College, community partners, volunteers, donors, and organizations committed to advancing food equity; and

WHEREAS, in 2025, the Brahma Bodega and Fresh Bodega programs distributed more than 117,000 pounds of food; provided more than \$41,000 in essential supplies, and served more than 3,500 students and 11,000 family members, demonstrating the significant impact that community-centered food access programs can have on students and families; and

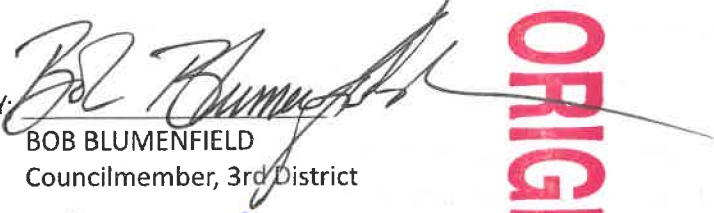


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WHEREAS, the Brahma Bodega's work exemplifies the principles of the Good Food for All Agenda by providing a community-designed response to food insecurity, strengthening connections to public benefits and support systems, and helping ensure that nutritious food is accessible to students regardless of their economic circumstances; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Los Angeles hereby commends and congratulates the Brahma Bodega and Basic Needs Program at Los Angeles Pierce College as our Good Food Champion for its outstanding commitment to combating student hunger, advancing food and nutrition security, and supporting the health, dignity, and academic success of students and their families.

PRESENTED BY:


BOB BLUMENFIELD
Councilmember, 3rd District

SECONDED BY:



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