

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-R-158

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA, DECLARING THAT THE SECOND MONDAY IN OCTOBER WILL BE KNOWN AS INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY IN THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND ALL OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, Indigenous Peoples' Day was first proposed in 1977, by a delegation of Native Nations to the United Nations International Conference on Discrimination against Indigenous Populations in the Americas; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council recognize that the Indigenous Peoples have lived and flourished in the Americas since time immemorial; and

WHEREAS, the European colonization of North America led to the suppression, forced assimilation, and genocide of Indigenous Peoples and their cultures; and

WHEREAS, the City of North Miami values the historic and contemporary contributions made to this community by all our region's past and present Indigenous Peoples; and

WHEREAS, the celebration of Columbus Day represents only a part of the history of this country's and region's cultural evolution; and

WHEREAS, 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

WHEREAS, the residents and elected leaders of the City of North Miami embrace an open and affirming community that celebrates diversity and rejects oppression of minority peoples, including Indigenous Peoples; and

WHEREAS, the City of North Miami is committed to promoting respect for, and understanding of, the region's indigenous community, their long history, and their continuing contribution to contemporary society.

WHEREAS, the City of North Miami fosters inclusivity, racial equity and justice for all people and opposes systemic practices that perpetuate the opposition of Indigenous Peoples; and

WHEREAS, the City of North Miami recognizes its shared responsibility to honor our nation's indigenous roots, history, traditions, and cultural contributions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA:

Section 1. Designation. The second Monday in October will be known in the City of North Miami as Indigenous Peoples Day.

Section 2. Memorialization. The Mayor and City Council encourage residents, businesses, organizations, and public institutions in Edmonds, also to memorialize and celebrate Indigenous Peoples on the second Monday of October.

Section 3. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by a 5 - 0 vote of the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, this 26th day of September, 2023.



ALIX DESULME, ED.D.
MAYOR

ATTEST:



VANESSA JOSEPH, ESQ.
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:



JEFF P. H. CAZEAU, ESQ.
CITY ATTORNEY

SPONSORED BY: COUNCILMAN GALVIN

Moved by: Galvin

Seconded by: Charles

Vote:

Mayor Alix Desulme, Ed.D.

X (Yes) _____ (No)

Vice-Mayor Mary Estimé-Irvin

X (Yes) _____ (No)

Councilman Scott Galvin

X (Yes) _____ (No)

Councilwoman Kassandra Timothe, MPA

X (Yes) _____ (No)

Councilman Pierre Frantz Charles, M.Ed.

X (Yes) _____ (No)