

## **INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY**

### **October 14, 2019**

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

**WHEREAS,** the United States endorsed the United Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People on December 19, 2010, and Article 15 of that declaration reads:

1. Indigenous peoples have the right to the dignity and diversity of their cultures, traditions, histories and aspirations, which shall be appropriately reflected in education and public information.

2. States take effective measures, in consultation and cooperation with the indigenous peoples concerned, to combat prejudice and eliminate discrimination and to promote tolerance, understanding and good relations among indigenous peoples and all other segments of society.

**WHEREAS,** The City of Colorado Springs recognizes that the Pikes Peak region has had a continual Indigenous presence since time immemorial, and that Indigenous people gathered at local landmarks such as Garden of the Gods and at the base of "Sun Mountain," now called Pikes Peak-America's Mountain and left indelible marks on the history of our community; and

**WHEREAS,** The City of Colorado Springs and the surrounding communities are built upon on the ancestral homelands of the Ute people and other Indigenous nations who utilized and cared for these lands for millennia, and that Colorado Springs is currently home to the descendants of more than 100 tribal nations; and

**WHEREAS,** The City of Colorado Springs recognizes and deeply values Indigenous peoples' contributions to our community, both historical and contemporary, in the areas of science, art and culture; and that those contributions are never forgotten; and

**WHEREAS,** As citizens of Colorado Springs we shall set aside this day to celebrate and honor the thriving, diverse cultures of the Indigenous peoples in the Pikes Peak region, and that Indigenous Peoples' Day shall be used to reflect upon the ongoing and interconnected struggles of all Indigenous peoples locally and beyond.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Richard Skorman, President of the City Council in the City of Colorado Springs, do hereby proclaim October 14, 2019 as

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**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Colorado Springs to be affixed this 22nd day of October in the city of Colorado Springs 2019.

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Richard Skorman, President  
Colorado Springs City Council