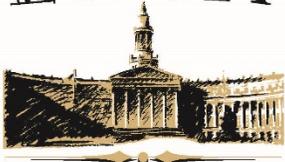


# PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver

## **Proclamation No. 16-0939 In Observance of First Annual *Indigenous Peoples' Day* in The City and County of Denver**

**WHEREAS**, the Council of the City and County of Denver recognizes that the Indigenous Peoples have lived and flourished on the lands known as the Americas since time immemorial, and that Denver and the surrounding communities are built upon the ancestral homelands of numerous Indigenous tribes; and

**WHEREAS**, the seasonal encampments of the Arapaho and Cheyenne peoples along the banks of the Cherry Creek and South Platte River confluence gave bearing to future settlements that would become the birthplace of the Mile High City; and

**WHEREAS**, Colorado encompasses the ancestral homelands of 48 tribes and currently the City and County of Denver and the surrounding communities are home to descendants of approximately 100 tribal nations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council of the City and County of Denver recognizes and values the vast contributions made to our community through Indigenous Peoples' knowledge, science, philosophy, arts and culture, and through these contributions the City of Denver has developed and thrived, and

**WHEREAS**, 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**, on October 3, 2016 the Council of the City and County of Denver unanimously passed CB16-801, officially designating the second Monday of October of each year as Indigenous Peoples' Day in Denver, Colorado.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER:**

**Section 1.** That the Council of the City and County of Denver celebrates and honors the cultural and foundational contributions of Indigenous People to our history, past, present and future; and will continue to close gaps in equity and promote increased access to healthcare, housing, education, economic opportunity and civil rights for all people.

**Section 2.** The City and County of Denver, Colorado, does hereby observe and proclaim October 10, 2016 as "Indigenous Peoples' Day."

**Section 3.** That the Clerk of the City and County of Denver shall affix the seal of the City and County of Denver to this proclamation and that a copy be transmitted to the Denver American Indian Commission, the Denver Agency for Human Rights & Community Partnerships, the Denver Public Library, the City and County of Denver School District No. 1, History Colorado, the Colorado Commission on Indian Affairs and the Governor of Colorado, John W. Hickenlooper.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL October 10, 2016

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PRESIDENT