

# PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver

**Proclamation No. 20-1131  
In Observance of the Fifth 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, including the Southern Ute and Ute Mountain Ute tribes of Colorado; and

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

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

**WHEREAS**, the Council of the City and County of Denver acknowledges that the role of women within the Indigenous community is a sacred role, an all-encompassing and central role to all aspects of Indigenous culture, life, and knowledge, and is vital to the health, wellness, and safety of Indigenous communities; and

**WHEREAS**, many outstanding Indigenous women have organized and led local and national proactive efforts addressing COVID-19 health and education preparedness and response, missing & murdered Indigenous people awareness, and Native specific homelessness advocacy.

**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 continues to promote the education of the Denver community about these historical and contemporary contributions of Indigenous People,

**Section 2.** The City and County of Denver, Colorado, does hereby observe October 12, 2020 as "Indigenous Peoples' Day."

**Section 3.** That the Clerk of the City and County of Denver shall attest and 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 and the Colorado Commission on Indian Affairs.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL October 12, 2020

\_\_\_\_\_ PRESIDENT