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Stacie Gilmore, Councilmember
Denver City Council, District 11
4685 Peoria St., Ste. 215
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Dear Ms. Gilmore,

Before this land that we stand on became known as Colorado, it was Indian Country and homeland and territory from time immemorial to many tribal nations. Recognizing the relationship of American Indian culture and history and its direct tie to the land we now call Colorado, a designated day celebrating American Indian people is a small but important step in bringing about understanding and awareness of the Native community.

The Denver Indian Center, Inc. (DICI) is widely recognized as the hub of American Indian community throughout Denver and surrounding areas and often serves as a voice of advocacy on behalf of the Native community. DICI supports legislation being proposed that would recognize and celebrate the American Indian and Indigenous communities of Colorado. If passed the legislation would help break down the "invisibility" of the original inhabitants of this land and promote more understanding of a rich culture and history of a people that are still here.

Thank you for taking time to consider this letter of support.

Aho,

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