

1 BY AUTHORITY

2 ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
3 SERIES OF 2016

COUNCIL BILL NO. 0801  
COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE:  
SAFEHOUSE COMMITTEE

6 A BILL

7 For an ordinance designating the second Monday of October of each year as  
8 Indigenous Peoples' Day.

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10 WHEREAS, the City and County of Denver recognizes that the Indigenous Peoples have lived and  
11 flourished on the lands known as the Americas since time immemorial, and that Denver and the  
12 surrounding communities are built upon on the ancestral homelands of numerous Indigenous tribes  
13 and is currently home to the descendants of approximately 100 tribal nations; and

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15 WHEREAS, the seasonal encampments of the Arapaho and Cheyenne peoples along the banks of  
16 the Cherry Creek and South Platte River confluence gave bearing to future settlements that would  
17 later become the birthplace of the City and County of Denver; and

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19 WHEREAS, the City and County of Denver hereby recognizes the historic discrimination and violence  
20 inflicted upon Indigenous Peoples throughout the Americas and the subsequent forced removal from  
21 ancestral lands, and the deliberate and systematic destruction of Indigenous Peoples, communities,  
22 and culture; resulting in high poverty rates, disparities in education, health and socioeconomic status;  
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25 WHEREAS, the City and County of Denver recognizes and honors the vast contributions made to our  
26 city through Indigenous Peoples' knowledge, science, philosophy, arts and culture, and through these  
27 contributions the City and County of Denver has developed and thrived, and

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29 WHEREAS the City and County of Denver shall continue to promote equity and justice for all people.

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31 **Section 1.** That Article I of Chapter 2, D.R.M.C. shall be amended by adding a new section 2-4 to  
32 read as follows:  
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