

**BY AUTHORITY**

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

COUNCIL BILL NO. 16-0801  
COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE:  
SAFEHOUSE COMMITTEE

**A BILL**

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

WHEREAS, 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 on the ancestral homelands of numerous Indigenous tribes and is currently home to the descendants of approximately 100 tribal nations; 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 later become the birthplace of the City and County of Denver; and

WHEREAS, the City and County of Denver hereby recognizes the historic discrimination and violence inflicted upon Indigenous Peoples throughout the Americas and the subsequent forced removal from ancestral lands, and the deliberate and systematic destruction of Indigenous Peoples, communities, and culture; resulting in high poverty rates, disparities in education, health and socioeconomic status; and

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

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

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

1  
2  
3  
4  
5  
6  
7  
8  
9  
10  
11  
12  
13  
14  
15  
16  
17  
18  
19  
20  
21  
22  
23  
24  
25  
26  
27  
28  
29

**Sec. 2-4. Indigenous Peoples' Day**

On the second Monday of October in each year, hereafter to be known as "Indigenous Peoples' Day", appropriate observance may be held by the public in commemoration and in honor of Denver's indigenous and original history.

COMMITTEE APPROVAL DATE: September 14, 2016.

MAYOR-COUNCIL DATE: September 20, 2016. (Consent Agenda)

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ - PRESIDENT

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_ - MAYOR \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_ - CLERK AND RECORDER,  
EX-OFFICIO CLERK OF THE  
CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER

NOTICE PUBLISHED IN THE DAILY JOURNAL \_\_\_\_\_; \_\_\_\_\_

PREPARED BY: David W. Broadwell, Asst. City Attorney; DATE: September 22, 2016

Pursuant to section 13-12, D.R.M.C., this proposed ordinance has been reviewed by the office of the City Attorney. We find no irregularity as to form, and have no legal objection to the proposed ordinance. The proposed ordinance **is not** submitted to the City Council for approval pursuant to § 3.2.6 of the Charter.

Denver City Attorney

BY: \_\_\_\_\_, Assistant City Attorney      DATE: \_\_\_\_\_