



Legislation Text

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Resolution of the City of San Leandro City Council to Declare the Second Monday of October as Indigenous People's Day in Lieu of Columbus Day

The City Council of the City of San Leandro does RESOLVE as follows:

WHEREAS, Columbus Day is a Federal holiday, established by order of President Roosevelt in 1937, and is officially recognized by some cities and states around the country on the second Monday of October each year; and

WHEREAS, Columbus Day does not currently provide an opportunity to reflect on the colonization of North America by Europeans that led to the suppression, forced assimilation, and death of many indigenous peoples; and

WHEREAS, prior to colonization, indigenous peoples lived and flourished in the Americas for thousands of years; and

WHEREAS, Indigenous People's Day was first proposed in 1977 by a delegation of Native Nations to the United Nations International Conference on Discrimination against Indigenous Populations in the Americas; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of California first proclaimed Indigenous Peoples' Day in 2019, as a means of celebrating the indigenous peoples who call California home and who have survived and thrived in the face of significant challenges that shaped California's past, present, and future; and

WHEREAS, California is home to one of the largest and most diverse populations of Indigenous peoples anywhere in the United States, including tribes located here in the San Francisco Bay Area; and

WHEREAS, the City of San Leandro recognizes and values the vast contributions made to the State of California and the United States by indigenous peoples' knowledge, science, philosophy, arts, and culture; and

WHEREAS, the City of San Leandro is committed to fostering inclusivity, racial equity, and justice for all people.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of San Leandro hereby RESOLVES that:

The City of San Leandro supports the official designation of the second Monday each October as "Indigenous Peoples Day" and encourages the public to celebrate this event and promote awareness of indigenous peoples and their rich history and culture.