



# City of Columbus

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## Legislation Text

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To Honor and Recognize October 12<sup>th</sup> as Indigenous People's Day

**WHEREAS**, the ongoing significance and many contributions of Native Americans in our cultural, social, and political development deserves recognition; and

**WHEREAS**, Columbus Day is observed as a federal holiday since 1937, and the City of Columbus has not formally recognized the holiday since 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, the celebration of Columbus Day represents only a part of the history of this country's and region's cultural evolution; and

**WHEREAS**, Council recognizes that colonizers forcibly removed native peoples from their land and committed an act of genocide; and

**WHEREAS**, Indigenous Peoples' Day was first proposed in 1977 by a delegation of Native Nations to the United Nations sponsored International Conference on Discrimination Against Indigenous Populations in the Americas; and

**WHEREAS**, Native American history, legends, art, as well as place names for cities, states, and rivers, etc., are interwoven into the spirit and fabric of our everyday lives; and

**WHEREAS**, this Council acknowledges central Ohio as the traditional homeland of the Shawnee, Miami, Wyandotte and other Indigenous nations who have strong ties to these lands; therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:** That this Council does hereby Honor and Recognize October 12th as Indigenous Peoples Day.