

# *City of Albany*

## *Proclamation*

### **RECOGNIZING THE SECOND MONDAY IN OCTOBER AS INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Albany recognizes that the indigenous people of the lands that would later become known as the Americas have occupied these lands since time immemorial; and

**WHEREAS**, Albany is built on the Costanoan (Ohlone) homeland and villages; 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 to replace Columbus Day; and

**WHEREAS**, we acknowledge the indigenous roots we have in Albany and in California, and the cultural and familial ties that connect us; and

**WHEREAS**, Indigenous Peoples' Day shall reflect the ongoing struggles of indigenous people of this land and shall celebrate the thriving culture, art, and contributions that indigenous people add to our nation; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Albany offers gratitude to Native People on behalf of all people, in recognition of the Indigenous care for our land.

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Albany City Council hereby proclaims the second Monday of October, as "***Indigenous Peoples' Day***," and strongly encourages local businesses, organizations and public institutions to recognize Indigenous Peoples' Day as well.

Dated: October 5, 2020

  
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NICK PILCH, MAYOR