

City of Vancouver, Washington

Proclamation

- WHEREAS, the City of Vancouver recognizes that the Indigenous Peoples of the lands that would later become known as the Americas have occupied these lands since time immemorial; and
- WHEREAS, the City recognizes that Vancouver is built upon the homelands and villages of the Indigenous Peoples of this region, without whom the building of the city would not have been possible; and
- WHEREAS, we must never forget the centuries-long campaign of violence, displacement, assimilation, and terror wrought upon Native communities and Tribal Nations throughout our country. We do so to expose the dehumanizing acts that have led to the near erasure of Indigenous people, traditions, language, and culture; and
- WHEREAS, the City values the many contributions made by Indigenous Peoples in our community in the arts, education, social services, technology, medicine, transportation, family support, workforce labor, and service to our country in the armed forces; and
- WHEREAS, the City is committed to promoting the well-being and growth of Vancouver's American Indian and Indigenous community by engaging in dialogues led by tribal communities in the areas of self-determination, sovereignty and cultural preservation, and federal recognition to create an active government-to-government collaboration; 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 to the Americas, and in 2011 the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians voted to support Indigenous Peoples' Day per resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Anne McEnery-Ogle, Mayor of Vancouver, Washington, do hereby proclaim the 14th of October as:

“ Indigenous Peoples' Day ”

in the City of Vancouver and encourage the community to acknowledge the significant sacrifices made by Native peoples to this country — and recognize their many ongoing contributions to our Nation.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Vancouver to be affixed this 14th day of October 2024.

Anne McEnery-Ogle
ANNE McENERY-OGLE, MAYOR