

CITY OF DETROIT
PROCLAMATION

Indigenous Peoples Day

WHEREAS, the second Monday in October is currently recognized as a Federal Holiday; and

WHEREAS, Columbus day recognizes the October 12, 1492 landing of Christopher Columbus on an island in the Caribbean, identifying the Europeans as having the first contact with the “New World”; and

WHEREAS, this landing resulted in centuries of violence, exploitation of resources, displacement and slavery of the Native Peoples of the Americas; and

WHEREAS, the communities we know today would not be what they are without the contributions made by the Native Peoples of the Americas; and

WHEREAS, we sincerely respect the struggles experienced throughout our history; and

WHEREAS, we are nurturing a unified community that will respect and welcome the values and culture of our neighbors; and

WHEREAS, Governor Gretchen Whitmer’s proclamation officially recognizes Indigenous Peoples Day on the second Monday in October; and

WHEREAS, the proclamation states that the state of Michigan recognizes the presence of the three major groups in our state today, the Chippewa (Ojibwe), Ottawa (Odawa), and Potawatomi (Bodéwadmik), who have lived upon this land since time immemorial, and values the progress our society has accomplished through Native American thought and culture; and

WHEREAS, the city of Detroit, in conjunction with others throughout the United States of America, acknowledges October 12, 2020 as “Indigenous Peoples Day,” this day will be a time to reflect upon the struggles of Indigenous peoples in our Country, and to celebrate the cultures and values.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mike Duggan, Mayor, of the city of Detroit do hereby acknowledge that this city honors and recognizes October 12, 2020 as “Indigenous Peoples Day.”



Mayor

10/12/2020

Date

