



City Council

Special Recognition - Proclamation Recognizing Indigenous Peoples' Day

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Recommended Action

Committee Recommendation:

Not referred to a committee.

City Manager Recommendation:

Proclaim October 10, 2022 as Indigenous Peoples' Day.

Report

Issue:

Whether to proclaim October 10, 2022 as Indigenous Peoples' Day.

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Presenter(s):

Squaxin Island Tribe Council representatives

Squaxin Island Museum staff representatives

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Background and Analysis:

Indigenous Peoples' Day was first proposed in 1977 by a delegation of Native Nations to the United Nations sponsored International Conference on the Discrimination Against Indigenous Populations in the Americas. It is a day to recognize and celebrate Indigenous heritage, culture, and history while honoring past, current and future generations. The City of Olympia urges all residents to become more aware of the significance of this celebration and its role in the heritage of our nation and City.

The Squaxin Island Tribe's habitation of what is now Olympia spans thousands of years. The ancestral families who lived and thrived here named it Steh-Chass and occupied prosperous villages along the shores. Today, the Squaxin people continue stewardship of these ancestral lands, from the

Deschutes watershed and what is now Budd Inlet. The Squaxin Island Tribe and City of Olympia honor the Medicine Creek Treaty and have established a strong government-to-government relationship between the two sovereigns.

The City of Olympia is honored to partner with the Squaxin Island Tribe to host a community Indigenous Peoples' Day Celebration at Squaxin Park on October 10, 2022.

Attachments:

Proclamation