

RESOLUTION NO. ____-2020

**RESOLUTION OF THE FORT BRAGG CITY COUNCIL
RENAMING THE SECOND MONDAY IN OCTOBER AS INDIGENOUS
PEOPLES' DAY**

WHEREAS, Indigenous Peoples' Day is part of a national effort to recognize and honor the existence, cluster and contributions of the original inhabitants of North America on the day that has for the past 82 years been observed as Columbus Day; and

WHEREAS, many City, County and State governments across the United States have adopted a celebration of Indigenous Peoples' Day; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, Governor Gavin Newsom announced that on October 14, 2019, California would honor Native Americans on the holiday historically associated with Christopher Columbus. Recognizing October 14, 2019 as a celebration of Indigenous Peoples only applied to 2019 in California; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Bragg 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 Fort Bragg and surrounding lands have been the homelands of the Indigenous Peoples of this region, long before Christopher Columbus landed in the Americas in 1492; and

WHEREAS, Indigenous Peoples' Day was first proposed in 1977 by a delegation of Native Nations at the International Conference on Discrimination Against Indigenous Populations in the Americas in Geneva, Switzerland; and

WHEREAS, the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, comprised of American Indians/Alaska Natives and tribes in the states of Washington, Idaho, Oregon, Montana, Nevada, Northern California and Alaska, passed resolution #11-57 in September 2011 in support of changing Columbus Day (2nd Monday of October) to a legal holiday known as Indigenous Peoples' Day;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

1. The City Council of Fort Bragg does hereby declare the second Monday in October to be Indigenous Peoples' Day in the City of Fort Bragg.
2. The City Council of Fort Bragg encourages other businesses, organizations and public institutions to recognize Indigenous Peoples' Day.
3. The City Council of Fort Bragg encourages Fort Bragg residents to recognize and celebrate the history and heritage of indigenous peoples in our community and across the United States.
4. The City Council of Fort Bragg directs the City Manager to replace each reference to Columbus Day in City documents, including but not limited to the City of Fort Bragg

Personnel Rules and Regulations, Administrative Policies and Memorandum of Understanding with Labor Groups.

The above and foregoing Resolution was introduced by Councilmember _____, seconded by Councilmember _____, and passed and adopted at a special meeting of the City Council of the City of Fort Bragg held on the 21st day of September, 2020, by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:
RECUSED:

WILLIAM V. LEE
Mayor

ATTEST:

June Lemos, CMC
City Clerk