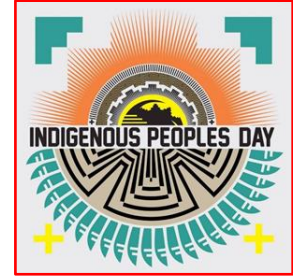


PROCLAMATION
Proclaiming October 9, 2023 as
INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY



WHEREAS, in 1977, the idea of Indigenous Peoples Day was first proposed by a delegation of Native Nations to the United Nations sponsored International Conference on Discrimination Against Indigenous Populations in the Americas; and

WHEREAS, on December 16, 2010, the United States endorsed the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People; and

WHEREAS, on September 21, 2020, the City of Fort Bragg adopted Resolution 4305-2020 renaming the second Monday in October as Indigenous Peoples Day; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Bragg recognizes and deeply values the vast contributions made by Indigenous Peoples to our community, both historic and contemporary, in the areas of science, philosophy, arts and culture which have helped the United States, State of California, County of Mendocino and the City of Fort Bragg grow and thrive; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes the fact that Fort Bragg is built upon the homelands and villages of the Indigenous Peoples of this region; and

WHEREAS, the City promotes the closing of the equity gap for Indigenous Peoples through policies and practices that reflect the experiences of Indigenous Peoples to ensure greater access and opportunity and to honor our nation's indigenous roots, history, and contributions; and

WHEREAS, as residents of Fort Bragg, we set aside this day to celebrate and honor the heritage, resiliency, and diverse culture of the Indigenous Peoples including those in the Sherwood Valley Band of Pomo;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bernie Norvell, Mayor of the City of Fort Bragg, on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby proclaim October 09, 2023 as Indigenous Peoples Day in the City of Fort Bragg and encourage all citizens of Fort Bragg to join in celebrating and learning about the different cultures of Indigenous Peoples in our country, state and city.

SIGNED this 10th day of October, 2023

BERNIE NORVELL, Mayor

ATTEST:

Cristal Munoz, Acting City Clerk