

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**  
**(Supporting the Establishment of Indigenous Peoples' Day in Tucson and Other Jurisdictions)**

**RESOLUTION NO. 15-316**

1 **WHEREAS, the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council ("Council") of the Tohono O'odham**  
2 **Nation recognizes that the Indigenous Peoples of the lands that would later**  
3 **become known as the Americas have lived in these lands since time**  
4 **immemorial; and**

5 **WHEREAS, the Legislative Council recognizes that the City of Tucson ("City") was founded**  
6 **upon the homelands and villages of the Indigenous Peoples of this region,**  
7 **without whom the building of the City would not have been possible; and**

8 **WHEREAS, the Legislative Council values the progress of our society that would not have**  
9 **been possible without Indigenous Peoples' knowledge, thought, technology,**  
10 **agriculture, science, philosophy, arts and deep spiritual and cultural**  
11 **contributions that have substantially shaped the character of the City of Tucson;**  
12 **and**

13 **WHEREAS, Indigenous Peoples' Day was proposed in 1997 by a delegation of Native nations**  
14 **to the United Nations-sponsored International Conference on Discrimination**  
15 **Against Indigenous Populations in the Americas; and**

16 **WHEREAS, in 1990 representatives from 120 Indigenous nations at the First Continental**  
17 **Conference on 500 Years of Indian Resistance unanimously passed a resolution**  
18 **to transform Columbus Day into a day to promote continental unity and the**  
19 **struggle toward liberation, and thereby reveal a more accurate historical**  
20 **reality; and**

21 **WHEREAS, while the Tohono O'odham Nation does not recognize Columbus Day as a tribal**  
22 **holiday, the United States government, the State of Arizona, and the City of**  
23 **Tucson recognize Columbus Day on the second Monday of October in**  
24 **accordance with the federal holiday established in 1937; and**

25 **WHEREAS, the Cultural Preservation Committee reviewed the Indigenous Peoples' Day**  
26 **proposal and recommends that the Legislative Council support it.**

27 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council supports**  
28 **efforts to have the City of Tucson Council and other jurisdictions recognize the**

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1                   second day of Monday in October as Indigenous Peoples' Day instead of  
2                   recognizing it as Columbus Day.

3 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Indigenous Peoples' Day shall be used to reflect upon the  
4                   ongoing struggles of Indigenous people on this land and to celebrate the  
5                   thriving culture and value that all Indigenous nations add to our city, county,  
6                   and state; these nations are: Tohono O'odham Nation, Pascua Yaqui Tribe, Hopi  
7                   Tribe, Yavapai-Prescott Indian Tribe, Kiabab-Paiute Tribe, Zuni Pueblo,  
8                   Cocopah Indian Tribe, Colorado River Indian Tribes, Hualapai Tribe, Havasupai  
9                   Tribe, San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe, Yavapai-Apache Nation, Fort McDowell  
10                  Yavapai Nation, Fort Yuma-Quechan Tribe, Gila River Indian Community, Salt  
11                  River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, Tonto Apache Tribe, White Mountain  
12                  Apache Tribe, Ak-Chin Indian Community, Fort Mojave Indian Tribe, Navajo  
13                  Nation and the San Carlos Apache Tribe.

14 **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council calls upon the City of  
15                  Tucson to:

- 16                  1. Promote the well-being and growth of Native American and Indigenous  
17                  communities.
- 18                  2. Formally recognize Indigenous Peoples' Day as an opportunity to  
19                  celebrate the thriving cultures and values of the Indigenous Peoples of  
20                  our region.
- 21                  3. Strongly encourage all Tucson-area schools to teach Indigenous peoples'  
22                  history as part of the regular curriculum.
- 23                  4. Encourage businesses, other organizations, and public institutions to  
24                  recognize Indigenous Peoples' Day when it is established.

25 **The foregoing Resolution was passed by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council on the 06<sup>TH</sup>**  
26 **day of AUGUST, 2015 at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of 3.015.3 FOR; -0-**  
27 **AGAINST; -0- NOT VOTING; and [04] ABSENT, pursuant to the powers vested in the Council by**  
28 **Article VI, Section 1(c)(8) of the Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation, adopted by the**  
29 **Tohono O'odham Nation on January 18, 1986; and approved by the Acting Deputy Assistant**  
30 **Secretary - Indian Affairs (Operations) on March 6, 1986, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of**  
31 **June 18, 1934 (48 Stat.984).**

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TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

  
Timothy Joaquin, Legislative Chairman

11 day of August, 2015

ATTEST:

  
Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

11 day of August, 2015

Said Resolution was submitted for approval to the office of the Chairman of the Tohono O'odham Nation on the 11 day of August, 2015 at 2:51 o'clock, p.m., pursuant to the provisions of Section 5 of Article VII of the Constitution and will become effective upon his approval or upon his failure to either approve or disapprove it within 48 hours of submittal.


TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

  
Timothy Joaquin, Legislative Chairman

APPROVED

DISAPPROVED

on the 11 day of August, 2015  
at 3:18 o'clock, p.m.

  
EDWARD D. MANUEL, CHAIRMAN  
TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION

Returned to the Legislative Secretary on the 12 day of  
August, 2015, at 10:50 o'clock, a.m.

  
Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary