



CITY OF SOUTH TUCSON OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of South Tucson 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 of South Tucson recognizes that South Tucson is built upon the homelands and villages of the Indigenous Peoples of this region, without whom the building of the City would not have been possible; and

WHEREAS, the City of South Tucson has long been inhabited by many descendants of Indigenous Peoples and proud of our diverse culture and heritage as celebrated by our residents of the Tohono O'odham Nation and the Pascua Yaqui Tribe, American Indian heritage, Mexican-American and Mexican heritage; and

WHEREAS, the City of South Tucson values the many contributions made to our community through Indigenous Peoples' knowledge, labor, technology, science, medicine, philosophy, arts, and the deep cultural contribution that has substantially shaped the character of the City of South Tucson; and

WHEREAS, the City of South Tucson has a responsibility to oppose the systemic racism towards Indigenous People in the United States, which perpetuates poverty and income inequality, and exacerbates disproportionate health, education, and social stability; and

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

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

WHEREAS, Indigenous Peoples' Day represents the following:

1. The Indigenous Peoples' Day shall celebrate the thriving cultures and positive values of the Indigenous Peoples of our region.
2. The businesses, organizations, and public institutions are encouraged to recognize Indigenous Peoples' Day.
3. The City of South Tucson shall promote the well-being and growth of the American Indian and Indigenous community of the greater Tucson area.
4. Indigenous Peoples' Day shall be used to reflect upon the ongoing struggles of Indigenous People, and to celebrate the thriving culture and value that our Indigenous residents and descendants, and other Indigenous nations, add to our city.
5. The second Monday in October shall be declared as Indigenous Peoples' Day in the City of South Tucson.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, *Miguel Rojas*, Mayor of the City of South Tucson, do hereby proclaim October 12, 2015, as Indigenous Peoples' Day, and encourage residents to honor and celebrate the thriving cultures and positive values of the Indigenous Peoples of our region and also reflect upon the ongoing struggles of Indigenous People.

APPROVED/EXECUTED


MAYOR, MIGUEL E. ROJAS

ATTEST:


City Clerk, Veronica B. Moreno

