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City Councilmember, District 4

CONSENT CALENDAR
September 30, 2014

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Councilmember Jesse Arreguín

Subject: Proclamation Declaring October 11, 2014 as Indigenous Peoples Day and Approving City Co-Sponsorship

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a proclamation:

1. Declaring October 11, 2014 as Indigenous Peoples Day in the City of Berkeley; and
2. Approving City co-sponsorship of the 2014 Indigenous Peoples Day event.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Berkeley has been a proud sponsor of Indigenous Peoples Day for the last 22 years. This day commemorates five hundred years of survival and renewal of Native cultures in the face of political and cultural repression, and it celebrates the achievements and accomplishments of the local Native American community in Berkeley and the greater Bay Area.

The Indigenous Peoples Day Committee, a community group of local Native people and others, have once again organized the annual celebration. The 2014 Indigenous Peoples Day Pow Wow and Indian Market will take place on Saturday, October 11, 2014 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in Martin Luther King Jr. Civic Center Park.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

None

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Attachments:

1. Proclamation

**DECLARING SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2014 AS
INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY**

WHEREAS, the year 2014 marks the 22nd anniversary celebration of Indigenous Peoples Day in the City of Berkeley, begun in 1992 in commemoration of five hundred years of survival and renewal of Native cultures in the face of political and cultural repression; and

WHEREAS, the Indigenous Peoples Day Committee, a community group of local Native people and others, have once again organized the annual celebration with an Indigenous Peoples Day Pow Wow and Indian Market in Martin Luther King Jr. Civic Center Park on Saturday, October 11th; and

WHEREAS, the Indigenous culture flourishing in the Berkeley area since time immemorial was a sustainable peaceful culture based on cooperation among neighbors, on respect for the land and for all creatures living on it; and this Indigenous culture was disrupted and destroyed in Berkeley as in almost all parts of this hemisphere, and yet it has survived; and

WHEREAS, the Indigenous Peoples Day Pow Wow and Indian Market has brought greater understanding to the people of Berkeley regarding Native cultures and the enormous contributions they have made, and continue to make, to world culture.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Berkeley that it hereby proclaims Saturday, October 11th, 2014 as Indigenous Peoples Day in the City of Berkeley; does hereby approve City co-sponsorship of the event; and does hereby offer our gratitude to Native People on behalf of the people of Berkeley, in recognition of the Indigenous care for this land, and in honor of Indigenous culture and philosophy, which are needed now more than ever if the planet is to survive; and we urge all Berkeleyans to attend the Berkeley Indigenous Peoples Day Pow Wow and Indian Market, on Saturday, October 11, 2014 from 10 am to 6 pm in Martin Luther King Civic Center Park.