



**SAN XAVIER DISTRICT
OF THE
TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION**

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RESOLUTION OF THE SAN XAVIER DISTRICT COUNCIL
(Supporting the Establishment of Indigenous Peoples' Day in Tucson)

Resolution No. SXDC 06-15-02

- WHEREAS, the San Xavier District Council District ("District") of the Tohono O'odham Nation recognizes that the Indigenous Peoples of the lands that would later become known as the Americas have lived in these lands since time immemorial; and,
- WHEREAS, the District recognizes that the City of Tucson ("City") was founded 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 District values the progress of our society that would not have been possible without Indigenous Peoples' knowledge, thought, technology, agriculture, science, philosophy, arts and deep spiritual and cultural contributions that have substantially shaped the character of the City of Tucson; and,
- WHEREAS, the idea of Indigenous Peoples' Day was first proposed in 1997 by a delegation of Native nations to the United Nations-sponsored International Conference on Discrimination Against Indigenous Populations in the Americas; and,
- WHEREAS, in 1990 representatives from 120 Indigenous nations at the First Continental Conference on 500 Years of Indian Resistance unanimously passed a resolution to transform Columbus Day into a day to promote continental unity and the struggle toward liberation, and thereby reveal a more accurate historical reality; and,
- WHEREAS, the United States government, the State of Arizona, and the City of Tucson recognize Columbus Day on the second Monday of October, in accordance with the federal holiday established in 1937.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the San Xavier District of the Tohono O'odham Nation, that it hereby provides its support to the Indigenous Peoples' Day Committee in their efforts to have the City of Tucson Council recognize the second day of Monday in October as Indigenous Peoples' Day instead of recognizing it as Columbus Day.

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the San Xavier District Council of the Tohono O'odham Nation hereby provides its support to the Indigenous Peoples' Day Committee in their request to the City of Tucson to:



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1. Continue its efforts to promote the well-being and growth of the Native American and Indigenous communities.
2. Strongly support the proposition that Indigenous Peoples' Day shall be an opportunity to celebrate the thriving cultures and values of the Indigenous Peoples of our region.
3. Strongly encourage Tucson Public Schools to include the teaching of Indigenous peoples' history as part of the regular curriculum.
4. Encourage other businesses, organizations, and public institutions to recognize Indigenous Peoples' Day when it is established.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the San Xavier District Council of the Tohono O'odham Nation hereby requests the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council to also support the efforts of the Indigenous Peoples' Day Committee to have the City of Tucson recognize the second Monday in October as Indigenous Peoples' Day instead of recognizing it as Columbus Day.

BE IF FINALLY RESOLVED, that the San Xavier District of the Tohono O'odham Nation hereby requests that the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council enact legislation to recognize the second Monday in October as Indigenous Peoples' Day instead of recognizing it as Columbus Day.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was passed by the San Xavier District Council at a meeting held on the 2nd day of **June, 2015**, at which time a quorum was present with a vote of 4 FOR; 0 AGAINST; 0 NOT VOTING; 1 ABSENT. Pursuant to the powers vested in the Council by the Tohono O'odham Constitution, Article IX, Section 5, as adopted and approved on 6 March 1986.

San Xavier District

Austin G. Nunez, Chairman

ATTEST

Ernie Reyes, Secretary
San Xavier District Council

MOTION: Felicia Nunez
SECOND: Brandon Javier