

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**WHEREAS**, October 12, 1492 marks one of the most significant dates to all indigenous people of the Americas – the beginning of the colonization of indigenous people that forever changed their identity, cultures and achievements; and

**WHEREAS**, numerous cities and state governments within the United States now recognize Columbus Day also as Indigenous Peoples’ Day in an effort to create a path of healing and reconciliation; and

**WHEREAS**, the area around present-day Austin is one of the longest continually inhabited sites in North America and was home to many different groups, bands, and tribes of Indigenous Peoples for at least 13,000 years; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Austin has a responsibility to oppose the systematic racism towards Indigenous People in the United States, which perpetuates high rates of poverty and income inequality, exacerbating disproportionate health, education, and social crises; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Austin 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; and

**WHEREAS**, honoring the role of Columbus as a historical figure promotes values of intolerance and violence that are still common in today's world and opposed to the values of the citizens of Austin; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:**

The Austin City Council hereby recognizes the second Monday in October also as Indigenous Peoples' Day and Columbus Day in the City of Austin.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

The City of Austin affirms its willingness to participate in annual Indigenous Peoples' Day celebrations and activities.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

The City of Austin strongly encourages Austin Public Schools to include the teaching of Indigenous Peoples' history.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

The City of Austin encourages other businesses, organizations, and public institutions to also recognize Indigenous Peoples' Day.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

The City of Austin firmly commits to continue its efforts to promote the wellbeing and growth of Austin's American Indian and Indigenous community.

**ADOPTED:** \_\_\_\_\_, 2017

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_

Jannette S. Goodall  
City Clerk