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2 **Indigenous Peoples Day** - For the purpose of recognizing the second Monday in October as
3 Indigenous Peoples Day in the City of Annapolis.

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5 **CITY COUNCIL OF THE**
6 **City of Annapolis**

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8 **Resolution 55-20**

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10 **Introduced by: Alderman Savidge**
11 **Co-sponsored by: Alderman Gay, Alderwoman Tierney,**
12 **and Alderwoman Pindell Charles**

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14 **A RESOLUTION** concerning

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16 **Indigenous Peoples Day**

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18 **FOR** the purpose of recognizing the second Monday in October as Indigenous Peoples Day in
19 the City of Annapolis.

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21 **WHEREAS,** Columbus Day is observed as a federal holiday on the second Monday in October;
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24 **WHEREAS,** the day recognizes the October 12, 1492 landing of Christopher Columbus on an
25 island in the Caribbean, marking the Europeans' first contact with the "New
26 World;" and

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28 **WHEREAS,** this contact began centuries of settlement on lands already occupied by native
29 peoples of the Americas and exploitation of the New World's seemingly endless
30 resources; and

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32 **WHEREAS,** indigenous Americans experienced conquest, enslavement, displacement, and
33 disease which decimated the population; and

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35 **WHEREAS,** native people who were removed from this area likely include the Piscataway, the
36 Anacostank, Pamunkey, Mattapanient, Nangemeick [nan-ga-mik], and Tauxehent;
37 and

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39 **WHEREAS,** a growing number of states, counties, cities, and towns across the United States
40 recognize the second Monday of October as Indigenous Peoples Day, re-imagining
41 Columbus Day as an opportunity to celebrate indigenous heritage and resiliency;
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44 **WHEREAS,** although it is a federal holiday, Columbus Day is not a holiday for City of
45 Annapolis employees and City government functions and meetings continue on
46 their usual schedule; and

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WHEREAS, recognizing the second Monday in October as Indigenous Peoples Day will serve as a reminder to reflect on the native people who were here before us, and their descendants.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL that the second Monday in October of each year shall be recognized as Indigenous Peoples Day to acknowledge and celebrate the culture and sacrifice of the first people on this land.

EXPLANATION

Underlining indicates matter added.
[~~Strikethrough~~] indicates matter stricken.