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

**CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
City of Annapolis**

**Resolution 55-20**

**Introduced by: Alderman Savidge  
Co-sponsored by: Alderman Gay, Alderwoman Tierney,  
Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Mayor Buckley, Alderman Schandelmeier,  
and Alderwoman Finlayson**

**A RESOLUTION** concerning

**Indigenous Peoples Day**

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

**WHEREAS**, Columbus Day is observed as a federal holiday on the second Monday in October; and

**WHEREAS**, the day recognizes the October 12, 1492 landing of Christopher Columbus on an island in the Caribbean, marking the Europeans' first contact with the "New World;" and

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

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

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

**WHEREAS**, a growing number of states, counties, cities, and towns across the United States recognize the second Monday of October as Indigenous Peoples Day, re-imagining Columbus Day as an opportunity to celebrate indigenous heritage and resiliency; and

**WHEREAS**, although it is a federal holiday, Columbus Day is not a holiday for City of Annapolis employees and City government functions and meetings continue on their usual schedule; and

**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.