



Legislation Text

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Recommendation to enact a resolution for the City of Long Beach recognizing October 9th, 2017 and every second Monday in October henceforth, as Indigenous People's Day.

Long Beach is recognized for its diverse culture and population. Celebrating the historical roots of our land and of our people is what has established Long Beach as one of the most inclusive cities in California.

Southern California, and large areas in Long Beach were inhabited by a variety of Native American Tribes. Among these tribes were the Tongva, whose village was developed in sections of California State University, Long Beach. Thus, the indigenous population has held a vital part of our history. The challenges that Native Americans faced following colonialism should be portrayed as a symbol of strength and growth for our city. As leaders of a city whose identity is reflected upon embracing equal respect among our culture ethnic groups, we believe it to be our moral obligation to recognize our indigenous population.

This resolution is in reference to the Human Relations Commission's recommendation for an Indigenous People's Day. This action is also in recognition of diversity, respect, and unity within the city of Long Beach. In declaring the 2nd Monday of October Indigenous Peoples Day we are acknowledging the challenges that Native Americans faced, and upholding openness and cultural awareness within our communities and our government institutions.

No fiscal impact.

Approve recommendation.

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