

## RESOLUTION NO. 2017 – 21

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MOSCOW, IDAHO, A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, DECLARING INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY IN THE CITY OF MOSCOW, PROVIDING THE EFFECT OF SUCH DECLARATION ON CITY OPERATIONS AND PERSONNEL, AND REQUESTING THE IDAHO LEGISLATURE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO RECOGNIZE INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY; PROVIDING THAT THIS RESOLUTION SHALL BE IN EFFECT UPON ITS PASSAGE, AND APPROVAL.

WHEREAS, Columbus Day is a Federal holiday that commemorates Christopher Columbus' landing in the Americas on October 12 1492. It became an official Federal holiday in 1937; and

WHEREAS, Idaho Code Section 73-108 and Idaho Code Section 67-5302(15) list the recognized legal holidays in the State of Idaho which State agencies must provide paid time off for full-time employees and includes any day so designated by the president of the United States or the governor of this State for a public fast, thanksgiving, or holiday; and

WHEREAS, the second Monday in October is the State of Idaho holiday recognized as Columbus Day; and

WHEREAS, on October 20, 1975, Moscow City Council granted City of Moscow employees a holiday the Friday after Thanksgiving in lieu of Columbus Day; and

WHEREAS, Columbus Day and Christopher Columbus have generated much controversy in recent years and many alternatives to the holiday have emerged throughout the country; and

WHEREAS, in 1977, the idea of replacing Columbus Day with the day commemorating the indigenous people of North America was first proposed by the International Conference on Discrimination Against Indigenous Populations in the Americas which was sponsored by the United Nations; and

WHEREAS, the City of Moscow recognizes that indigenous nations lived upon this land prior to the arrival of European explorers, and the City values and recognizes the many accomplishments of the indigenous people; and

WHEREAS, the Moscow Human Rights Commission has requested the City of Moscow recognize Indigenous Peoples Day; and

WHEREAS, the City of Moscow knows it is without authority to require the Federal or Idaho State governments to proclaim or recognize any particular holiday; and

WHEREAS, the City Moscow promotes inclusion for all people, regardless of race, creed, national origin, or socio-economic status and supports policies and programs which reflect equity and fairness to all people; and


WHEREAS, the City of Moscow supports the proposition that Indigenous Peoples Day should be an opportunity to celebrate the thriving cultures and values of the indigenous people of our nation, state and region and that such day should honor the traditions and cultural heritage of the five (5) federally recognized tribes that live in Idaho: the Coeur d'Alene, Kootenai, Nez Perce, Shoshone Bannock, Shoshone Paiute, and other Native American tribes represented in Idaho.

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Moscow City Council resolves as follows:

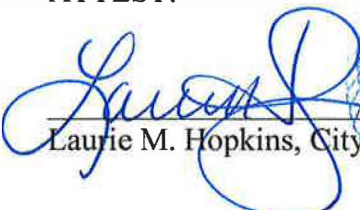
1. Declaring Indigenous Peoples Day annually in the City of Moscow to fall on the same day as the federal and state Columbus Day holiday.
2. That such declaration is not authorization for closure of City offices and is not to be considered a holiday as defined by the City's Personnel Policies.
3. To petition the Idaho Legislature and Federal government to recognize the cultural, ethnic, religious, and social diversity of our State and Nation, and to celebrate such diversity with a holiday which is inclusive rather than divisive.

That this Resolution shall become effective as of the 2nd day of October, 2017.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** by the Mayor of the City of Moscow, Idaho, this 2nd day of October, 2017.

  
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Bill Lambert, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Laurie M. Hopkins, City Clerk

