

Proclaiming Indigenous Peoples Day 2024

On October 3, 2017, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors passed a motion authored by Supervisor Hilda L. Solis directing County Counsel to “create an ordinance to remove all references to Columbus Day as an official County holiday and recognize Indigenous Peoples Day instead.” On May 1, 2018, the Board of Supervisors formally adopted the ordinance making Indigenous Peoples Day an official County holiday that is observed on the second Monday of October.

Indigenous peoples have inhabited the lands now known as Los Angeles County for thousands of years, contributing to the rich cultural heritage of the region through their traditions, knowledge, and stewardship of the land. In fact, Los Angeles County occupies land originally and still inhabited and cared for by the Tongva, Tataviam, Serrano, Kizh, and Chumash Peoples – and is home to the largest number of American Indian and Alaska Native (AIAN) people of any county in the United States.

The legacy of colonization and systemic discrimination has had profound and lasting impacts on Indigenous communities, and it is crucial to acknowledge these

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injustices to foster reconciliation and healing. To that end, Indigenous Peoples Day provides an important opportunity to celebrate the achievements and contributions of Indigenous peoples, raise awareness about their histories, and promote education about their diverse cultures and experiences.

This year, The Music Center, in partnership with The Chapter House, invites Angelenos and visitors of all ages to experience two Saturdays, October 12, 2024, from 2 to 6 p.m. and October 19, 2024, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., of Indigenous joy and celebration which will include a marketplace with vendors, workshops offering hands-on learning with artists and culture bearers, visual artwork, music, and live performances that feature the rich cultural heritage and contemporary expressions of Indigenous communities. These Indigenous Peoples' Day Party events are by, with, and for Indigenous Peoples and supported in part by the Los Angeles County's Anti-Racism, Diversity, and Inclusion Initiative; the Los Angeles County Department of Arts and Culture; and the Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission.

By officially proclaiming Indigenous Peoples Day, Los Angeles County reaffirms its commitment to these values, honors the resilience and contributions of Indigenous peoples, and encourages all residents to engage in activities and education that support and celebrate Indigenous cultures.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Proclaim Monday, October 14, 2024, as Indigenous Peoples Day;
2. Encourage all Los Angeles County residents to participate in Indigenous Peoples Day events and educational activities, including the Indigenous Peoples' Day

Party events by The Music Center and The Chapter House, that honor the rich heritage and contributions of Indigenous peoples;

3. Waive parking fees in the amount of \$4,000 for 400 vehicles at Lot 14, excluding the cost of liability insurance, on Saturday, October 12, 2024, from 12 to 6 p.m. for community members attending the first Indigenous Peoples' Day Party at The Music Center; and
4. Instruct Los Angeles County departments to continue to support Indigenous communities, work towards justice and equity, and advance initiatives that respect and celebrate the diverse cultures and histories of Indigenous peoples.

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