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October 7, 2025

Proclaiming Indigenous Peoples Day 2025

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. It is also home to the largest number of American Indian and Alaska Native (AIAN) people of any county in the United States.

Today, Indigenous communities once again face mounting threats from the federal government under the current Trump administration. From efforts to rescind national monument protections and open sacred lands to resource extraction, to legal opinions aimed at weakening tribal land claims, and executive actions that remove

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Indigenous identity from federal priorities, these actions represent a renewed attempt to undermine tribal sovereignty, cultural heritage, and Indigenous presence in public life.

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

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, especially in the face of ongoing efforts that seek to erase them.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors proclaim Monday, October 13, 2025, as Indigenous Peoples Day.

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