

**BAKER COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT
LIBRARY BOARD**

Resolution No. 2017-18.003

Recognizing Indigenous Peoples' Day

Sep 11 2017

Baker County Library District hereby declares the second Monday in October as Indigenous Peoples' Day and encourages other institutions to recognize the Day; reaffirming the District's commitment to promote the knowledge of, prosperity and well-being of Baker County's American Indian, Alaska Native and Indigenous community.

WHEREAS, Baker County Library District recognizes that the Indigenous People of the lands that would later become known as the Americas have occupied these lands since time immemorial; and

WHEREAS, the District recognizes the fact that Baker County's taxing jurisdiction is built upon the homelands and villages and traditional use areas of the Native Americans of this region; and

WHEREAS, the District recognizes that much of indigenous people's lands and property were obtained through disreputable policies and protocols, which included exploitative and broken treaties, war, forced removal, and concentration on reservations; and

WHEREAS, the District has a responsibility to oppose the systematic racism towards Indigenous Peoples of the United States, which perpetuates high rates of poverty and income inequality, exacerbating disproportionate health, education, and social crises; and

WHEREAS, Indigenous Peoples' Day was first proposed in 1977 by a delegation of Native Nations to the United Nations sponsored International Conference on Discrimination against Indigenous Populations in the Americas; and

WHEREAS, the United States endorsed the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (the "Declaration") on Dec. 16, 2010, and the Declaration recognizes that "indigenous peoples have suffered from historic injustices as a result of, inter alia, their colonization and dispossession of their lands, territories and resources;" and

WHEREAS, Article 15 of the Declaration recognizes the right of indigenous peoples "to the dignity and diversity of their cultures, traditions, histories and aspirations which shall be appropriately reflected in education and public information" and places an obligation on States to "take effective measures, in consultation and cooperation with the indigenous peoples concerned, to combat prejudice and eliminate discrimination and to promote tolerance, understanding and good relations among indigenous peoples and all other segments of society"; and

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NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the District shall recognize Indigenous Peoples' Day on the second Monday in October; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Indigenous Peoples' Day shall be used to reflect upon the ongoing struggles of Indigenous People on this land, and to celebrate the thriving culture and value that Indigenous Peoples add to our county; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the District encourages other businesses, organizations, and public institutions to recognize Indigenous Peoples' Day.

ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of Baker County Library District this 11th day of Sep, 2017 by the following vote:

AYES: 3 GD, NF, KR NAYS: 0 ABSTAINED: 0

FOR THE BOARD:


Signature
BCLD Board President

ATTEST:


Signature: Perry Stokes
District Secretary