

## INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY RESOLUTION

(adopted Feb 8, 2020)

THAT Washington State Legislature declared the 2nd Monday of October as Indigenous Peoples' Day in the State of Washington; encouraging everyone to recognize the Day; and reaffirming the State's commitment to promote the well-being of Indigenous communities.

WHEREAS, Indigenous Peoples of the lands that would later become known as the Americas have occupied these lands since time immemorial; and

WHEREAS, the essential nature of Indigenous culture in the identity of Washington State and all its places requires our consideration and respect; 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, in 2011 the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, representing 59 Tribes from Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Northern California, Western Montana and some Alaskan Tribes, passed resolution #11-57 to "Support to Change Columbus Day (2nd Monday of October) to Indigenous Peoples' Day"; and

WHEREAS, in 2014 the City of Bellingham City Council Renamed Columbus Day "Coast Salish Day".

THEREFORE, the 42nd Legislative District Democratic Central Committee strongly supports the proposition that Indigenous Peoples' Day shall be an opportunity to celebrate the thriving cultures and values of the Indigenous Peoples of our region.

THEREFORE, the 42nd Legislative District Democratic Central Committee requests the State of Washington to develop an appropriate official declaration of Indigenous Peoples day in a manner consistent with the interests and wants of Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians.