



To: Mayor & City Council

Agenda Item #: IV. P.

From: MJ Lamon, HRRC Staff Liaison

Action

Discussion

Date: October 21, 2014

Information

Subject: Indigenous Peoples' Day

Action Requested:

Adopt resolution to establish Edina recognizing the second Monday in October as Indigenous Peoples' Day.

Information / Background:

The second Monday in October is a national holiday recognized as Columbus Day. The Edina Human Rights and Relations Commission (HRRC) feel this holiday celebrates Columbus, an explorer who perpetuated cruelty and violence against the Indigenous People. The HRRC would like to alternately recognize Columbus Day as 'Indigenous Peoples' Day'.

Edina would become one of several cities to make this change. Similar measures that rename or replace Columbus Day have already taken place in Berkeley, CA, Denver, CO, South Dakota, Red Wing, MN, and Minneapolis, MN. Entities who do not celebrate Columbus Day include Alaska, Hawaii, and Oregon.

Even though Columbus Day is a national holiday, it is not a currently recognized holiday for the City of Edina. This resolution will not alter day to day activities or meeting schedules of the City.

Attached is a draft resolution recommended by City Staff and the HRRC.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2014-114
CITY OF EDINA, MINNESOTA
NAMING INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY**

WHEREAS, Christopher Columbus did not 'discover' or ever arrive in North America or in Minnesota nor contribute to American or Minnesotan culture; and

WHEREAS, the recognition of Columbus Day celebrates Columbus, an explorer who perpetuated extreme cruelty and violence against the Indigenous People; and

WHEREAS, the proposal to designate 'Indigenous Peoples Day' was successfully initiated by a delegation of Native nations at the United Nations International Conference on Discrimination Against Indigenous Populations in the Americas; and

WHEREAS, in 1990, representatives from 120 Indigenous nations at the First Continental Conference on 500 Years of Indian Resistance unanimously passed a resolution to rename 'Columbus Day' as an occasion to promote unity and to reveal a more accurate historical record of human and environmental damage; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes that Edina is built on the homeland of the Indigenous Peoples of the region; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes the valuable contributions Indigenous Peoples have made to Edina's development in technology, thought, and culture; and

WHEREAS, the City is committed to eliminating discrimination and to promoting and recognizing the full human rights of all people;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Edina shall henceforth recognize in the city calendar and other city documents as appropriate the second Monday in October as Indigenous Peoples Day.

Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Dated: October 21, 2014.

Attest: _____
Debra A. Mangen, City Clerk

James B. Hovland, Mayor

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
COUNTY OF HENNEPIN) SS
CITY OF EDINA)

CERTIFICATE OF CITY CLERK

I, the undersigned duly appointed and acting City Clerk for the City of Edina do hereby certify that the attached and foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the Edina City Council at its Regular Meeting of September 2, 2014, and as recorded in the Minutes of said Regular Meeting.

WITNESS my hand and seal of said City this _____ day of _____, 20____.

City Clerk