

1 [Administrative Code - Indigenous Peoples Day]

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3 **Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to declare the second Monday in October**  
4 **to be Indigenous Peoples Day.**

5 NOTE: **Unchanged Code text and uncodified text** are in plain Arial font.  
6 **Additions to Codes** are in *single-underline italics Times New Roman font*.  
7 **Deletions to Codes** are in *strikethrough italics Times New Roman font*.  
8 **Board amendment additions** are in double-underlined Arial font.  
9 **Board amendment deletions** are in ~~strikethrough Arial font~~.  
10 **Asterisks (\* \* \* \*)** indicate the omission of unchanged Code  
11 subsections or parts of tables.

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10 Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:

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12 Section 1. Section 16.4 of the Administrative Code, entitled "Hours of City Offices," is  
13 hereby renumbered as Section 16.3 of the Administrative Code. No changes are made to the  
14 wording or substance of that Section.

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16 Section 2. The Administrative Code is hereby amended by adding new Section 16.4,  
17 to read as follows:

18 **SEC. 16.4. INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY.**

19 **(a) Findings.**

20 **(1) Indigenous nations have lived upon this land since time immemorial. The**  
21 **City and County of San Francisco recognizes that the original inhabitants of the area now**  
22 **known as San Francisco were the Muwekma Ohlone tribe. Despite the near decimation of the**  
23 **tribe due to European migration, descendants of the tribe continue to live in the Bay Area.**  
24 **The City recognizes the campaign of the Muwekma Ohlone to become federally recognized.**  
25 **In 2002, the Board of Supervisors passed Resolution 489-02 urging the federal government to**

1 formally recognize the tribe. The City values the progress our society has accomplished  
2 through Native American technology, thought, and culture.

3 (42) San Francisco has a responsibility to oppose the systematic racism towards  
4 indigenous peoples in the United States, which perpetuates high rates of poverty and income inequality,  
5 exacerbating health, education, and social crises among Native Americans.

6 (23) San Francisco recognizes the historic discrimination and violence inflicted upon  
7 indigenous peoples in the United States, including their forced removal from ancestral lands, and the  
8 deliberate and systematic destruction of their communities and culture.

9 (34) In the late 1970's, a movement began to replace the Columbus Day holiday with a  
10 celebration known as Indigenous Peoples Day to recognize and commemorate the contribution of  
11 indigenous peoples to the United States and to condemn the atrocities that were committed against  
12 them. Many cities and states have since chosen to recognize Indigenous Peoples Day on the same date  
13 as, and in lieu of, Columbus Day.

14 (5) The San Francisco Human Rights Commission adopted and published a  
15 report titled "Discrimination by Omission," written by a Native American Taskforce in 2007,  
16 that called for the City to recognize Indigenous Peoples Day.

17 (46) In 2011, the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, representing 59 Tribes from  
18 Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Northern California, Western Montana, and Alaska, passed Resolution  
19 #11-57 expressing "Support to Change Columbus Day (2nd Monday of October) to Indigenous  
20 Peoples' Day."

21 (b) The second Monday in October each year shall be known as Indigenous Peoples Day. All  
22 official City communications, notices, calendars, and other publications, whether electronic or paper,  
23 shall refer to that day as Indigenous Peoples Day rather than Columbus Day.

1           (c) Within 30 days of the effective date of the ordinance enacting this Section 16.4, the City  
2 Administrator shall notify all City boards, commissions, committees, and other bodies, and all City  
3 departments, of the requirements of this Section.

4           (d) This Section 16.4 does not affect the recognition or non-recognition of the second Monday  
5 in October as a holiday for City departments and employees.

6           (e) Nothing in this Section shall prohibit the City from providing funds or support to  
7 events that commemorate or celebrate the holiday using the name Columbus Day or other  
8 descriptors.

9           Section 3. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective 30 days after  
10 enactment. Enactment occurs when the Mayor signs the ordinance, the Mayor returns the  
11 ordinance unsigned or does not sign the ordinance within ten days of receiving it, or the Board  
12 of Supervisors overrides the Mayor's veto of the ordinance.

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