

RESOLUTION

R21-39

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MAPLEWOOD, MISSOURI, DECLARING THAT THE SECOND MONDAY OF EACH OCTOBER SHALL PERPETUALLY BE KNOWN AND CELEBRATED AS INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY IN THE CITY OF MAPLEWOOD, MISSOURI.

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

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

WHEREAS, the City of Maplewood currently sits on land that was owned and occupied by the Osage, Kickapoo, Miami, Great Sioux Nation, and Kaskaskia; and

WHEREAS, Indigenous People in Maplewood have, as in all parts of the Americas, endured centuries of cruelty, exploitation, and genocide; and


WHEREAS, facing and acknowledging our past, good as well as bad, makes our community stronger and more resilient.

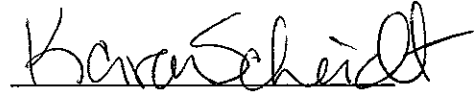
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MAPLEWOOD, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS: The City Council of the City of Maplewood, Missouri does hereby proclaim that the second Monday of each October shall perpetually be known and celebrated as Indigenous Peoples' Day; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Maplewood values and recognizes the vast past and present contributions made to our community and country through Indigenous Peoples' knowledge, science, governance, philosophy, arts, and culture; and

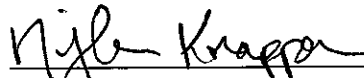
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Maplewood, Missouri encourages residents, businesses, organizations, and public institutions in Maplewood to also memorialize and celebrate Indigenous Peoples on the second Monday of October and to use this day to learn about and contemplate those who lived here before us and recognize the injustices of our past.

Passed this 14<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2021

  
Nikylan Knapper, Mayor

Attest:   
Karen Scheidt, Deputy City Clerk

Approved this 14<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2021

  
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