CITY OF LAFAYETTE
RESOLUTION NO. 2016-81

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
LAFAYETTE DESIGNATING THE 12th DAY OF OCTOBER OF EACH
YEAR AS INDIGENOUS PEOPLES’ DAY

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

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Lafayette recognizes that the Indigenous Peoples have lived and flourished in the Americas since time immemorial; and

WHEREAS, Colorado encompasses the ancestral homelands of 48 tribes and the Denver metropolitan area is home to descendants of approximately 100 tribal nations; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Lafayette recognizes and values the vast contributions made to our community through Indigenous Peoples’ knowledge, science, philosophy, arts, and culture; and

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

WHEREAS, the City of Lafayette fosters inclusivity, racial equity and justice for all people and opposes systemic practices that perpetuate the oppression of Indigenous Peoples; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lafayette recognizes its shared responsibility to honor our nation’s indigenous roots, history, traditions, and cultural contributions

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Lafayette formally recognizes the interconnectedness of humanity and foundational and cultural contributions of Indigenous Peoples to the history of our community, and does hereby proclaim the 12th Day of October of each year as Indigenous Peoples’ Day. And that on the 12th Day of October of each year the City of Lafayette will support events that celebrate and honor Indigenous Peoples, their traditions, culture, and our shared history.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 4th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2016.

CITY OF LAFAYETTE, COLORADO

Christine Berg, Mayor

Susan Koster, CMC City Clerk

David S. Williamson, City Attorney