

**CITY OF LAFAYETTE  
RESOLUTION NO. 2016-81**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
LAFAYETTE DESIGNATING THE 12<sup>TH</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> Day of October of each year as Indigenous Peoples' Day. And that on the 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

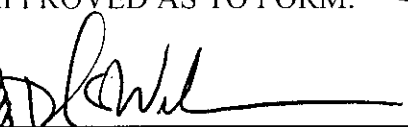
**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 4<sup>th</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER, 2016.**

CITY OF LAFAYETTE, COLORADO

  
Christine Berg, Mayor

ATTEST:   
Susan Koster, CMC City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
David S. Williamson, City Attorney

