

CITY OF FRESNO

The Fresno City Council

Indigenous Peoples' Day

- WHEREAS: We deeply honor and celebrate the rich heritage and invaluable contributions of Indigenous Peoples, especially paying homage to the Yokuts and Mono communities, the original peoples of the Central Valley; and
- WHEREAS: In moments where society might attempt to spotlight our differences, we in Fresno and the surrounding area recognize our true strength lies in the rich diversity of our collective histories.
- WHEREAS: The Tribes of the Central Valley have faced challenges through generations but have stood firm against the structure of settler colonialism. Their brilliance in land stewardship and ecological knowledge created a land rich in natural resources. This land we call the Central Valley and Sierra Foothills has housed and fed millions.
- WHEREAS: We are thankful for all First Nations and their contributions and unequivocally support the sovereignty and self-determination of the Yokuts and Mono tribes recognizing they have the right to self-governance, protect their sacred lands, and practice their lifeways; and
- WHEREAS: On Indigenous Peoples' Day, we honor the resilience and immense contributions Yokuts and Mono peoples have made to the state of California. We reaffirm our commitment to upholding our solemn trust and treaty responsibilities to Tribal Nations, further strengthening our Nation-to-Nation ties; and
- WHEREAS: On this day, we reflect on the attempted genocide of California Natives, understanding that Tribal peoples challenge all of us to confront our past and do better. We must commit to understanding our colonial history, the broken treaties, and forced assimilation policies, ensuring a brighter future for the 7th Generation and Beyond; and
- WHEREAS: Embracing the spirit of Indigenous freedom, we urge every resident to pause, reflect, and truly appreciate the tenacity and spirit of all First Nations.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that Councilmember Nelson Esparza, the Fresno City Council, and Mayor Jerry P. Dyer do hereby proclaim, 5th of October 2023, as:

“Indigenous Peoples’ Day”

in the City of Fresno.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands
and affixed the Seal of The City of Fresno, California, on this 5th day of October 2023.

JERRY P. DYER, HONORABLE MAYOR

NELSON ESPARZA, COUNCILMEMBER DISTRICT 7

TYLER MAXWELL, COUNCIL PRESIDENT DISTRICT 4

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