



Sitka Tribe of Alaska
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Tribal Council Resolution 2017-143

REAFFIRMING OUR RECOGNITION, COMMENDING THE STATE OF ALASKA FOR ADOPTING HB78 AND ENCOURAGING THE CITY OF SITKA'S ASSEMBLY TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE SECOND MONDAY IN OCTOBER AS INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY

WHEREAS, Sitka Tribe of Alaska is the federally recognized tribal government for more than 4,400 enrolled tribal citizens in Sitka, Alaska, organized under the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934 as amended; and

WHEREAS, Sitka Tribe of Alaska is responsible for the health, safety, welfare, and cultural preservation of its tribal citizens and their use of the Sitka Tribe traditional territory; and

WHEREAS, Sitka Tribe of Alaska's traditional territory reflects the lands and waters historically and presently the stewardship responsibility of the Sheet'ka Kwáan and as such are composed of the western side of Baranof Island, the greater reaches of Peril Strait, southwestern portions of Chichagof Island and the myriad of islands as well as the waters between these locations; and

WHEREAS, Article VII Section 9(1)(h) of the Constitution of Sitka Tribe of Alaska specifically directs the Sitka Tribal Council "to protect and preserve the Tribal property, wildlife, and natural resources within those areas under the jurisdiction of the Tribe"; and

WHEREAS, Sitka Tribe of Alaska has recognized the second Monday in October as Indigenous Peoples Day pursuant to a resolution adopted in 2015 since the State of Alaska and the towns within Alaska are built upon the homelands and villages of the Tlingit people, who have occupied this land called Sheet'ka since time immemorial; and

WHEREAS, Sitka Tribe of Alaska would like to commend the State of Alaska for adopting HB 78 in June 2017, establishing the second Monday of October each year as Indigenous Peoples Day and that law becomes effective September 22, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Sitka Tribe of Alaska would like to encourage the City of Sitka Assembly to approve the Resolution at their September 26, 2017 Assembly meeting being brought forward by Assembly members Kevin Knox and Tristan Guevin, which would also establish the second Monday of October each year as Indigenous Peoples Day and that resolution commits to oppose systematic racism towards Indigenous people in the United States and the City and Borough of Sitka.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council of Sitka Tribe of Alaska hereby reaffirms its recognition of the second Monday in October as Indigenous Peoples Day and firmly commits to continue its efforts to promote the well-being and growth of Sitka's Alaska Native, American Indian and Indigenous community, and encourages other businesses, organizations, and public institutions to recognize Indigenous Peoples Day.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted at a duly convened meeting of the Tribal Council of Sitka Tribe of Alaska, held on September 20, 2017, and at which a quorum was present, by a vote of _____ IN FAVOR, _____ AGAINST, _____ ABSTAINING, and _____ ABSENT.

KathyHope Erickson, Tribal Chairman

Attest:

Clara Gray, Tribal Secretary

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