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POSSIBLE MOTION

I MOVE TO approve Resolution 2022-27 on first and final reading reaffirming the second Monday in October as Indigenous People's Day.

**CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA
RESOLUTION NO. 2022-27**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA REAFFIRMING THE SECOND
MONDAY IN OCTOBER AS INDIGENOUS PEOPLE’S DAY**

8 **WHEREAS**, the City and Borough of Sitka recognizes that the Indigenous Peoples of the lands
9 that would later become known as the Americas have occupied these lands since time
10 immemorial; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the City recognizes the fact that Sitka is built upon the homelands and villages of
12 the Tlingit people, who have occupied this land they called Sheet’ka since time immemorial, and
13 without whom the building of the City would not have been possible; and

14 **WHEREAS**, the City values the many contributions made to our community through Indigenous
15 Peoples’ knowledge, labor, technology, science, philosophy, arts and the deep cultural
16 contribution that has substantially shaped the character of the City and Borough of Sitka; and

17 **WHEREAS**, the City and Borough of Sitka has a responsibility to oppose the systematic racism
18 towards Indigenous people in the United States and the City and Borough of Sitka, which
19 perpetuates high rates of poverty and income inequality, exacerbating disproportionate health,
20 education, and social crises; and

21 **WHEREAS**, the City strives to promote the closing of the equity gap for Indigenous Peoples
22 through policies and practices that reflect the experiences of Indigenous Peoples, ensure
23 greater access and opportunity, and honor our community’s indigenous roots, history, and
24 contributions; and

25 **WHEREAS**, in 2017, the Assembly of the City and Borough Sitka passed Resolution 2017-20
26 recognizing Indigenous Peoples’ Day.

27 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Assembly of City and Borough of Sitka
28 reaffirms the importance of this Day, declares the second Monday in October as Indigenous
29 Peoples’ Day in the City and Borough of Sitka, firmly commits to continue its efforts to promote
30 the well-being and growth of Sitka’s Alaska Native, American Indian and Indigenous community,
31 and encourages other businesses, organizations, and public institutions to recognize Indigenous
32 Peoples’ Day.

33 **PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED** by the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka,
34 Alaska, on this 27th day of September, 2022.

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38 Steven Eisenbeisz, Mayor

39 ATTEST:

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42 Sara Peterson, MMC
43 Municipal Clerk

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45 1st and final reading: 9/27/2022

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