

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
City and Borough of Sitka

# Proclamation

## REAFFIRMING INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY

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

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

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

**WHEREAS,** in 2017 and 2022, the Assembly of the City and Borough Sitka passed Resolutions 2017-20 and 2022-27 declaring the second Monday in October as Indigenous Peoples' Day and this Assembly desires to continue those commitments.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka does hereby proclaim, the second Monday in October, as Indigenous People's Day, 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.

*Signed and sealed on this 26<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2023.*



Steven Eisenbeisz, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sara Peterson, MMC  
Municipal Clerk