

**CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA
RESOLUTION NO. 2017-20**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA SUPPORTING ADOPTION OF THE
SECOND MONDAY IN OCTOBER AS 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 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 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, the City and Borough of Sitka has a responsibility to oppose the systematic racism towards Indigenous people in the United States and the City and Borough of Sitka, which perpetuates high rates of poverty and income inequality, exacerbating disproportionate health, education, and social crises; and

WHEREAS, the City strives to promote the closing of the equity gap for Indigenous Peoples through policies and practices that reflect the experiences of Indigenous Peoples, ensure greater access and opportunity, and honor our community's indigenous roots, history, and contributions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Assembly of City and Borough of Sitka declares the second Monday in October as Indigenous Peoples' Day in the City and Borough of Sitka, 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.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska, on this 26th day of September, 2017.



Matthew Hunter, Mayor

ATTEST:



Sara Peterson, CMC
Municipal Clerk

1st and final reading 09/26/17