

PROCLAMATION

of
The City of Wichita, Kansas
Founded in 1870

Whereas Indigenous Peoples' Day was first proposed in 1977 by a delegation of Native Nations to the United Nations sponsored International Conference on Discrimination Against Indigenous Populations in America; and

Whereas, historically the City has embraced our local Indigenous Peoples' culture; particularly the work of Blackbear Bosin whose "Keeper of the Plains" is not only part of our city's skyline but a prominent symbol of our city; 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 and landscape of the City of Wichita; and

Whereas, the City of Wichita encourages businesses, organizations and public entities to recognize Indigenous Peoples Day which shall be used to reflect upon the ongoing struggles of Indigenous people on this land, and to celebrate the thriving culture and value that our Indigenous nations add to our City.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that I, Brandon Whipple, Mayor of the City of Wichita, Kansas, along with the Wichita City Council do hereby proclaim October 12, 2020 as,

Indigenous Peoples' Day

In the City of Wichita and encourage citizens to celebrate the thriving cultures and values of the Indigenous Peoples of our City and strongly encourage them to join communities across America in recognizing and promoting the wellbeing and understanding of the contributions of our Indigenous communities.



Brandon Whipple, Mayor

September 15, 2020

Date