

RULES, ELECTIONS, INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS
RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state or federal governmental body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, on February 16, 2018, Senator Henry Stern introduced Senate Bill 1490 which proposes to rename "Columbus Day" to "Indigenous Peoples' Day" to be celebrated annually on the second Monday of October; and

WHEREAS, according to Senator Stern, SB 1490 is intended to strengthen Californians' bond to our shared humanity by celebrating Native American heritage and the "great cultural diversity of our state; and

WHEREAS, on November 13, 2015, Motion (O'Farrell-Wesson) was introduced in the Los Angeles City Council calling for the establishment of Indigenous Peoples Day as a legal City holiday; and

WHEREAS, following extensive public discussion and analysis, Motion (O'Farrell-Wesson) culminated in the approval of Ordinance No. 185261 on November 21, 2017 which created an Indigenous Peoples Day as a legal holiday for the City of Los Angeles to be celebrated on the second Monday in October, and removed from the Los Angeles Administrative Code all references to Columbus Day; and

WHEREAS, according to public information provided by Senator Stern, Los Angeles County, the cities of Santa Cruz, Long Beach, Burbank, San Luis Obispo and San Francisco, as well as 48 other cities and four states have made similar changes to rename the holiday to Indigenous Peoples' Day.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby include in its 2017-2018 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for Senate Bill 1490 to rename Columbus Day to "Indigenous Peoples' Day" as an annual State holiday to be celebrated on the second Monday of October to honor the state's heritage and the rich cultural history of Native Americans.

PRESENTED BY:



Mitch O'Farrell
Councilmember, 13th District

SECONDED BY:



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