



Proclamation

In Honor of Indigenous Peoples Day

WHEREAS, the second Monday in October is Columbus Day, which honors Italian explorer Christopher Columbus; and

WHEREAS, Indigenous Peoples Day was first proposed in 1977 by a delegation of Native Nations to the International Conference on Discrimination Against Indigenous Populations in the Americas; and

WHEREAS, the United States endorsed the United Nations Declaration of Rights of Indigenous People on December 16, 2010; and

WHEREAS, many states celebrate Native American Day or Indigenous Peoples Day on the same day as Columbus Day; the earliest was South Dakota in 1990, and others include Maine, Vermont, D.C., North Carolina, Michigan, Wisconsin, Iowa, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oregon, Alaska and Hawaii; numerous municipalities have done the same; and

WHEREAS, the City of Beacon recognizes that it was founded and built upon lands inhabited by people of the Wappinger and Mahicannituck tribes who were part of the Lenape cultural group; and further recognizes the historic, cultural, and contemporary significance of the Lenape cultural group in the Hudson Valley.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lee Kyriacou, Mayor of the City of Beacon, do hereby proclaim the second Monday of October as Indigenous Peoples Day in Beacon.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 9th day of October, A.D. 2020.

Signature:  Date: 10/9/2020

Lee Kyriacou, Mayor