

# **CITY OF OBERLIN, OHIO**

## **RESOLUTION No. R17-10 CMS**

### **A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE SECOND MONDAY IN OCTOBER TO BE INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY IN THE CITY OF OBERLIN**

WHEREAS, the City of Oberlin recognizes that the lands that would become known as the Americas have been occupied by indigenous peoples since time immemorial; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Oberlin recognizes that the land claimed by John Shipherd and Philo Stewart for the Oberlin Colony in 1833, was once part of land occupied by the Eriehona or Erie Tribe, known as the Cat Nation and who were later overcome and absorbed by the Iroquois Nation; and,

WHEREAS, the idea of observing what has been called a day of discovery as a day of solidarity with indigenous people was first recommended in 1977 by the International NGO Conference on Discrimination against Indigenous Populations in the Americas, sponsored by the United Nations, which included participants and delegates from indigenous peoples and nations of the Americas; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Oberlin values the many contributions made to the community through the labor, technology, science, philosophy, art and the deep cultural contributions of indigenous peoples all of which have helped to shape the character of Oberlin; and,

WHEREAS, Council for the City of Oberlin wishes to memorialize its appreciation for the many contributions that indigenous peoples have made to the City and the Country and to acknowledge the sacrifices that have accompanied those contributions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Oberlin, County of Lorain, State of Ohio, a majority of all members elected thereto concurring:

SECTION 1. That the Second Monday of each October shall be and is hereby declared to be Indigenous Peoples' Day in the City of Oberlin and shall be formally recognized as such by the City.

SECTION 2. That the City of Oberlin invites businesses, organizations and public entities to join in the recognition of Indigenous Peoples' Day and to celebrate the many contributions that indigenous people have made to Oberlin and this Country.

SECTION 3. That the City of Oberlin encourages the Local School District Board of Education and other educational providers to consider expanded coverage of the history of indigenous peoples in its educational curriculum.

SECTION 4. That the City of Oberlin shall make revisions to its calendars and notices and shall take such other actions as are necessary for the implementation of this Resolution.

SECTION 5. That it is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning or relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 6. That this Resolution shall take effect at the earliest date allowed by law.

PASSED: 1<sup>st</sup> Reading – June 5, 2017

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading \_ June 19, 2017 (A)

3<sup>rd</sup> Reading – July 3, 2017 (P); August 21, 2017 (A) (Effective in 30 days)

ATTEST:



BELINDA B. ANDERSON, MMC  
CLERK OF COUNCIL



RONNIE J. RIMBERT  
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

POSTED: 08/22/2017

EFFECTIVE DATE: 09/20/2017