



Declaring October 11, 2021 as Indigenous Peoples Day in the City of Berkeley

WHEREAS, the year 2021 marks the 29th annual celebration of Indigenous Peoples Day in the City of Berkeley, begun in commemoration of 529 years of survival and renewal of Native cultures in the face of political and cultural repression; and

WHEREAS, the Indigenous Peoples Day Committee, a community group of local Native people and others, have organized an annual celebration with an Indigenous Peoples Day Pow Wow on Monday, October 11th, this year held virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Indigenous culture flourishing in the Berkeley area since time immemorial was a sustainable peaceful culture based on cooperation among neighbors, on respect for the land and for all creatures living on it; and this Indigenous culture was disrupted and destroyed in Berkeley as in almost all parts of this hemisphere, and yet it has survived; and

WHEREAS, the Indigenous Peoples Day Pow Wow and Indian Market has brought greater understanding to the people of Berkeley regarding Native cultures and the enormous contributions they have made, and continue to make, to world culture.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Jesse Arreguin, Mayor of the City of Berkeley, do hereby proclaim Monday, October 11, 2021 as

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY

and offers gratitude to Native People on behalf of the people of Berkeley, in recognition of your care for this land, and in honor of your culture and philosophy, which are needed now more than ever if the planet is to survive.

Jesse Arreguin
Mayor

October 11, 2021