

PROCLAMATION
City of College Park, Maryland
Indigenous Peoples' Day

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 the Americas; and

WHEREAS, the Indigenous Peoples of the lands that would later become known as the Americas have occupied these lands since time immemorial; and

WHEREAS, in the 1600's, European explorers coming to the "new world" encountered a great diversity of people living in the area that later would be named Maryland; and

WHEREAS, most of this land was claimed by Algonquin tribes, although Iroquois, Piscataway and Sioux were also present; and

WHEREAS, over the years the importance of our Indigenous People has been diluted, lost or overlooked; and

WHEREAS, the City values the many contributions of Indigenous Peoples that have shaped the character of our nation in the areas of labor, technology, science, philosophy, arts and culture.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Mayor and Council of the City of College Park that the 10th day of October, 2022 is recognized as "INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY" in the City of College Park, Maryland.

PROCLAIMED this 5th day of October, 2022.

Patrick L. Wojahn, Mayor
City of College Park