

**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 tribes 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 8<sup>th</sup> day of **October 2024** is recognized as **"INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY"** in the City of College Park, Maryland.

**PROCLAIMED** this 8th day of October, 2024.

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Fazlul Kabir, Mayor  
City of College Park