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Councilmember, District 4

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Councilmember, District 7

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Councilmember, District 2

CONSENT CALENDAR  
September 22, 2009

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Councilmembers Jesse Arreguín, Kriss Worthington, Max Anderson and Darryl Moore

Subject: Declaring October 10, 2009 as Indigenous Peoples Day

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the attached proclamation declaring October 10, 2009 as Indigenous Peoples Day in the City of Berkeley.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Berkeley has been the proud sponsor of Indigenous Peoples Day for the last 17 years. This day commemorates the five hundred years of survival and renewal of Native cultures in the face of political and cultural repression, and it celebrates the achievements and accomplishments of the local Native American community in Berkeley and the greater Bay Area.

The Indigenous Peoples Day Committee, a community group of local Native people and others, have once again organized the annual celebration with an Indigenous Peoples Day Pow Wow and Indian Market on Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in Martin Luther King Jr. Civic Center Park.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

NONE.

CONTACT PERSON:

Jesse Arreguín, Councilmember, District 4 981-7140

Attachments:

1. Proclamation

## **Declaring October 10, 2009 as Indigenous Peoples Day**

WHEREAS, 2009 marks the eighteenth annual celebration of Indigenous Peoples Day in the City of Berkeley, begun in commemoration of five hundred 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 once again organized the annual celebration with an Indigenous Peoples Day Pow Wow and Indian Market in Martin Luther King Jr. Civic Center Park on Saturday, October 10th; and

WHEREAS, the Indigenous culture flourishing in the Berkeley area since time immemorial was a sustainable and 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 by the Council of the City of Berkeley that it hereby proclaims October 10, 2009 as Indigenous Peoples Day in the City of Berkeley; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Berkeley does hereby officially sponsor Indigenous Peoples Day, and does hereby offer 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; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Berkeley City Council urges all Berkeleyans to attend the Berkeley Indigenous Peoples Day Pow Wow and Indian Market, on Saturday, October 10, 2009 from 10 am to 6 pm in Martin Luther King Jr. Civic Center Park.

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Mayor Tom Bates

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Councilmember Linda Maio

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Councilmember Darryl Moore

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Councilmember Max Anderson

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Councilmember Jesse Arreguín

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Councilmember Laurie Capitelli

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