

Proclamation

West County Wastewater Board of Directors

RECOGNITION OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY OCTOBER 11, 2021

WHEREAS, Indigenous Peoples' Day honors the past, present, and futures of Native peoples throughout the United States. The day recognizes the legacy and impact of colonialism on Native communities, and it also celebrates the cultures, contributions, and resilience of contemporary Native peoples. It is celebrated across the United States on the second Monday in October; and

WHEREAS, Indigenous Peoples' Day began as a counter-celebration held on the same day as Columbus Day; and

WHEREAS, the idea of replacing Columbus Day with 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, held in Geneva, which passed that resolution; and

WHEREAS, in 1992, the City of Berkeley replaced Columbus Day with the celebration of Indigenous Peoples' Day and keeping with the original request of the Indigenous spiritual elders at the Continental Conference (Encuentro) on 500 Years of Indian Resistance, Berkeley has retained October 12, as Indigenous Peoples Day; and


WHEREAS, in subsequent years the municipality of Santa Cruz also began celebrating Indigenous Peoples' Day. The State of South Dakota replaced Columbus Day with Native American Day. October 12 is now celebrated in Venezuela as the Day of Indigenous Resistance, 'Día de la Resistencia Indígena'. The United Nations, at the request of Indigenous groups and led by Nobel Prize winner Rigoberta Menchú, declared International Indigenous Peoples Day. But, instead of changing Columbus Day, as requested, the U.N. sidestepped the issue of Columbus by naming August 9th as International Day of Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples. Phoenix now celebrates Indigenous Peoples Day on March 12, relating to the Aztec calendar.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Directors West County Wastewater hereby proclaim recognition of October 11, 2021, as Indigenous Peoples' Day, and encourages all community members and employees alike to honor this day.


Dated: September 15, 2021




Cheryl Sudduth, President



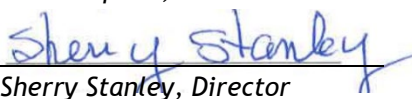
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