

**City of San Rafael
In Recognition of
Indigenous People's Day 2023**

- WHEREAS, the City of San Rafael strives for diversity and acceptance, and seeks to uplift and uphold human rights and dignity within the City and neighboring areas; and
- WHEREAS, since Columbus Day 2015, at least 11 states and 129 cities in the United States have passed measures designating the second Monday in October Indigenous Peoples Day; and
- WHEREAS, historians have largely agreed that Columbus did not "discover" the Americas as Indigenous people were already here, nor was he the first European to reach the "New World"; and
- WHEREAS, the City of San Rafael recognizes that the Indigenous Peoples of the lands have lived on these lands since time immemorial; and
- WHEREAS, the community of San Rafael and the County of Marin where the City is located is built upon the traditional homelands of the Coast Miwok Peoples, who are now known as the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria a sovereign nation and the only federally recognized Tribe of Marin County, comprised of Coast Miwok and Southern Pomo peoples; and
- WHEREAS, the recognition and acknowledgement of Indigenous People's Day would officially acknowledge the atrocities, genocide and ancestral land displacement inflicted upon the original inhabitants of the City of San Rafael through the California Missions and other systems of oppression by occupying Spanish, English, Russian, Mexican and American settlers; and
- WHEREAS, the recognition and acknowledgement of Indigenous People's Day would officially acknowledge and respectfully support the resistance, persistence, existence and living history of Indigenous people including the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria; and
- WHEREAS, the United Nations Rights of Indigenous Peoples Declaration adopted in 2006 confirms the rights of Indigenous peoples to self-determination, recognizes subsistence rights and rights to lands, territories and resources; recognizes that Indigenous peoples deprived of their means of subsistence and development are entitled to just and fair redress, outlaws discrimination against Indigenous peoples, and promotes their full and effective participation in all matters that concern them, as well as their right to remain distinct and to pursue their own visions of economic and social development, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Rafael, do hereby proclaim October 9, 2023 as Indigenous Peoples Day and in doing so, urge all residents and community members to reflect upon the ongoing struggles of Indigenous people in our City, and to celebrate the thriving culture and value that the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria who are present day Coast Miwok People add to our city, and encourage other businesses, organizations and public entities to recognize Indigenous People's Day.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kate", is written over a horizontal line.

Kate Colin
Mayor