

The Town Council of Carrboro, North Carolina recognizes the second Monday of October as “Indigenous People’s Day” in Carrboro. The Council strongly supports the proposition that Indigenous Peoples' Day shall be an opportunity to celebrate the thriving cultures and values of the Indigenous Peoples of our region.

The resolution declaring the day as such was adopted unanimously by the Town Council (then known as the Board of Aldermen) in 2015 and will continue to be recognized each year. Please take the time to read the founding resolution in its full text below.

### **RESOLUTION DECLARING “INDIGENOUS PEOPLES’ DAY”**

**WHEREAS**, the holiday known as Columbus Day commemorates the Italian Explorer Christopher Columbus and his voyages to the “New World”; and,

**WHEREAS**, Columbus Day has been a federal holiday since 1937; and,

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

**WHEREAS**, the Town recognizes the fact that Orange County, North Carolina is built upon the homelands and villages of the Indigenous Peoples of this region; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town recognizes and values the many contributions made to our community through Indigenous Peoples' knowledge, labor, technology, science, philosophy, arts and the deep cultural contribution; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town has a responsibility to oppose the systematic racism towards Indigenous People in the United States, which perpetuates high rates of poverty and income inequality, exacerbating disproportionate health, education, and social crises; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town promotes the closing of the equity gap for Indigenous Peoples through policies and practices that reflect the experiences of Indigenous Peoples, ensure greater access and opportunity, and honor our nation's indigenous roots, history, and contributions; and

**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**, On February 4, 2002 the Occaneechi Band of the Saponi Nation located in Orange and Alamance counties became North Carolina's eighth official Indian tribe; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 21, 2009 the Town of Carrboro was declared a Human Rights City adopting the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (as the second city in the nation to do so), committing itself to protect, respect and fulfill the full range of inherent human rights for all as set forth in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and numerous other international human rights treaties; and

### **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN OF CARRBORO THAT:**

Section 1. The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Carrboro declare the second Monday in October as Indigenous Peoples' Day in the Town of Carrboro.

Section 2. The Town of Carrboro strongly supports the proposition that Indigenous Peoples' Day shall be an opportunity to celebrate the thriving cultures and values of the Indigenous Peoples of our region.

Section 3. The Town of Carrboro strongly encourages Chapel Hill-Carrboro and Orange County Public Schools to include the teaching of Indigenous Peoples' history.

Section 4. The Town of Carrboro firmly commits to work with Indigenous communities to promote the well-being and sustenance of Carrboro's Indigenous community.

Section 5. The Town of Carrboro encourages all elected boards in Orange County as well as the Alamance County Board of Commissioners to pass similar resolutions before October of 2016, and asks that the Town Clerk forward this resolution to the clerks of each board.