

# Proclamation

## Indigenous People's Day October 11, 2021

*WHEREAS, Redwood City sits on the unceded ancestral homeland of the Ramaytush Ohlone peoples; and*

*WHEREAS, since the arrival of the Spanish in 1769, California Indians have endured a long and well-documented history of oppression, violence, displacement, enslavement, forced assimilation, religious conversion, and discrimination; and*

*WHEREAS, the idea of 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 Ramaytush (rah-MY-toosh) Ohlone lived along the San Francisco Peninsula for thousands of years and stewarded the land, and contemporary members of the Ramaytush Ohlone continue to research, preserve, share their history and culture, and to care for Mother Earth and its peoples; and*

*WHEREAS, the City of Redwood City is dedicated to opposing systemic racism against all people including Indigenous People in this community and across the nation, and endorses the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, which recognizes that "indigenous peoples have suffered from historic injustices as a result of their colonization and dispossession of their lands, territories, and resources" which perpetuates socioeconomic disparities; and*

*WHEREAS, the City of Redwood City values the progress our society has accomplished through Indigenous Peoples' knowledge, technology, thought, science, philosophy, and artistic contributions, and also recognizes the deep historic, cultural, and contemporary significance of the Indigenous Peoples of the lands; and*

*WHEREAS, the City of Redwood City understands that government entities, organizations and other public institutions should change their narratives, policies, and practices to better reflect the experiences and contributions of Native American people and to better serve present-day Indigenous communities.*

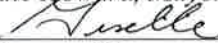
**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, DIANE HOWARD, MAYOR OF REDWOOD CITY,** on behalf of the City Council and the people of Redwood City, do hereby proclaim October 11, 2021 as Indigenous Peoples' Day and implore the community to reflect upon the resistance and resilience of Indigenous Peoples in the face of ongoing struggle and injustice and to celebrate the lasting culture and value that the Ramaytush Ohlone and other Indigenous Nations add to our city. We further encourage other businesses, organizations, and public entities to also recognize Indigenous Peoples' Day in support of our Indigenous neighbors and friends.

Date: October 11, 2021






Diane Howard, Mayor


  
Giselle Hale, Vice Mayor

  
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