



## Cover Memorandum/Staff Report

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**TO:** Mayor and Commissioners  
**FROM:** Katerri Johnson, City Clerk  
**THROUGH:** Terrence R. Moore, ICMA-CM  
**DATE:** September 18, 2023

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY - OCTOBER 9, 2023

**Recommended Action:**

Motion to declare and observe Monday, October 9, 2023 as Indigenous Peoples Day.

**Background:**

The International Non-Governmental Organizations Conference on Discrimination against Indigenous Populations in 1977 in the Americas brought together more than 250 delegates, observers and guests at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, from September 20-23, 1977 including representatives of more than 50 international organizations. Representatives of the indigenous peoples gave evidence to the international community of the ways in which discrimination, genocide and ethnocide operated. While the situation may vary from country to country, the roots are common to all. They include the brutal colonization to open the way for plunder of their land and resources by commercial interests seeking maximum profits; the massacres of millions of native peoples for centuries and the continuous grabbing of their land which deprives them of the possibility of developing their own resources and means of livelihood; the denial of self-determination of indigenous nations and peoples destroying their traditional value system and their social and cultural fabric. The evidence pointed to the continuation of this oppression resulting in the further destruction of the indigenous nations.

To declare the second Monday in October as an International Day of Solidarity with the Indigenous Peoples of the Americas and observe it as Indigenous Peoples Day in the City of Delray Beach.

**City Attorney Review:**

N/A

**Funding Source/Financial Impact:**

N/A

**Timing of Request:**

N/A