

CITY OF HYATTSVILLE

PROCLAMATION

RECOGNIZING OCTOBER 11th, 2022 AS INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY IN THE CITY OF HYATTSVILLE

This proclamation recognizes Indigenous People's Day in the City of Hyattsville as a day to honor, educate, and reflect on Native American history and culture, their contributions to the United States and the significant hardships they have endured.

WHEREAS, the City of Hyattsville is built on the ancestral homelands of the Indigenous Peoples of this region; including the Piscataway and Nacotchtank (Anacostan) people, who were the first inhabitants and caretakers of these lands and waters; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hyattsville recognizes that Indigenous people were present in the Americas and the lands current incorporated as the City of Hyattsville, long before colonization of the Americas began; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hyattsville recognizes that United States Federal policies systematically sought to assimilate and displace Native people and eradicate Native cultures;

WHEREAS, Native Americans are currently 0.4% of Hyattsville's population, according to the 2020 American Communities Survey; recognizing Indigenous Peoples' Day serves as a reminder to reflect on the Native people, past and present, who have cared for this land over millennia.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The City of Hyattsville recognizes Indigenous peoples' resilience and strength as well as the immeasurable positive contribution that they have given to the City of Hyattsville and we commit to move forward in peace and understanding with the first inhabitants of the land we share;

Be it further resolved, the Mayor and Council authorize the City Administrator to dedicate the second Monday of October, and/or the 11th of October, as Indigenous People's Day in the City of Hyattsville and invites its residents to celebrate the holiday in replacement of Columbus Day.

Robert Croslin
Mayor, City of Hyattsville

October 3, 2022

