

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Legislative Session 2020, Legislative Day No. 28

Resolution No. 41-20

Introduced by Ms. Rodvien

By the County Council, October 5, 2020

1 RESOLUTION recognizing Monday, October 12, 2020 as Indigenous Peoples' Day in  
2 Anne Arundel County

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4 WHEREAS, in 1937, the United States government, in response to intense lobbying  
5 by the Knights of Columbus, proclaimed October 12 to be Columbus Day; and

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7 WHEREAS, the Italian-born explorer Christopher Columbus never set foot on the  
8 shores of the current United States; and

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10 WHEREAS, millions of indigenous and native people were already living in North  
11 America upon Columbus' arrival to the Americas in 1492; and

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13 WHEREAS, throughout his years in the Americas, Columbus enslaved, colonized,  
14 massacred, and ultimately marginalized thousands of indigenous and native people;  
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17 WHEREAS, for Native Americans, Columbus Day has long been a painful  
18 reminder of hundreds of years of colonial oppression at the hands of European  
19 explorers and settlers and those wounds still run deep today; and

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21 WHEREAS, Native Americans have had a tremendous effect on American life  
22 today, including the areas of art and music, law and government, and conservation  
23 and environmental sustainability, and without the knowledge and influence of the  
24 Native Americans our country would not be what it is today; and

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26 WHEREAS, since 1991, dozens of cities, several universities, and a growing  
27 number of states have adopted Indigenous Peoples' Day as a holiday that celebrates  
28 the history and contributions of Native Americans; and

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30 WHEREAS, Indigenous Peoples' Day is observed on the second Monday in the  
31 month of October every year by the states of Minnesota, Alaska, Maine, Louisiana,  
32 Oregon, New Mexico, Nevada, and Vermont, as well as South Dakota, which  
33 celebrates Native Americans' Day, and Hawaii, which celebrates Discoverers'  
34 Day; and

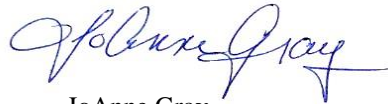
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36 WHEREAS, honoring Columbus as a hero disregards the painful legacy of violence  
37 and brutality inflicted upon the indigenous and native people of the Americas; now,  
38 therefore, be it

1        *Resolved by the County Council of Anne Arundel County, Maryland, That it hereby*  
2        *recognizes Monday, October 12, 2020 as Indigenous Peoples' Day in Anne Arundel*  
3        *County and calls upon the people of Anne Arundel County to join their fellow citizens in*  
4        *recognizing this special observance; and be it further*

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6        *Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to County Executive Steuart Pittman.*

READ AND PASSED this 5<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2020.

By Order:



JoAnne Gray  
Administrative Officer

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT RESOLUTION NO. 41-20 IS TRUE AND CORRECT AND DULY  
ADOPTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY.



Allison M. Pickard  
Chair