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**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY ON
THE SECOND MONDAY IN OCTOBER**

WHEREAS, Indigenous Peoples' Day, honoring the original peoples of many colonized lands, was first proposed in 1977 by a delegation of Native Nations to the International Conference on Discrimination Against Indigenous Populations in the Americas; and

WHEREAS, the United States endorsed the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (the "Declaration") on December 16, 2010, which Declaration recognizes that "indigenous peoples have suffered from historic injustices as a result of, inter alia, their colonization and dispossession of their lands, territories and resources"; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Portland recognizes that Portland was itself founded and is built upon lands first inhabited by the Indigenous People of this region, known as the Wabanaki; and

WHEREAS, the City of Portland 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, a growing number of cities and towns in the United States of America have recognized the second Monday of October as Indigenous Peoples' Day, thereby creating an opportunity to learn about and celebrate indigenous heritage and resiliency;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Portland, Maine hereby recognizes Indigenous Peoples' Day on the second Monday in October, and encourages businesses, organizations and public institutions to also recognize Indigenous People's Day, in order that this City and its residents acknowledge and honor these members of the community, both past and present, without whom the creation of this country would not have been possible.