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To the Cook County Board of Commissioners,

I am writing you today to express my support for the proposed resolution celebrating Indigenous Peoples' Day, Resolution #21-0565. To fully perform the County's duty to support all communities' diversity, equity and inclusion, it must acknowledge the fact that America's Native peoples were systematically removed in order to provide the foundation on which our county and cities rest upon today.

I believe that this resolution is a responsible first step in reconciling this fact and its legacy of violence in order to support our county's vibrant Native communities, which continue to practice cultural traditions, care for the land, and educate others about the Native American perspective. Indigenous Peoples' Day will be a formal opportunity to celebrate Indigenous cultures in the County, recognizing the vital contributions of our county's first peoples.

I fully support this proposed resolution knowing it will provide a vital first step in acknowledging our County's history and the legacy of its Native communities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "M Hadden".

**Maria E. Hadden**  
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Chicago's 49<sup>th</sup> Ward