



# Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street  
Chicago, IL

## Legislation Text

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### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **CELEBRATING INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, Cook County, IL currently occupies territory that Sovereign Nations, including the Potawatomi, Ojibwe and Odawa, Ho-Chunk, Miami, Sac and Fox, Peoria, Illini and many others consider to be a part of their historical and modern day homelands; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County, has a responsibility to support diversity, equity and inclusion from all communities, however, this effort must begin with acknowledging and reconciling with the fact that America's Native peoples were systematically removed and killed in order to provide economic opportunities to European settlers on this land; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County recognizes that Native Americans in the county make up the ninth largest Urban Native community in the country who continue to practice their cultural traditions, caretaking of the land and educating others about the American Native perspective; and

**WHEREAS**, Indigenous Peoples' Day was proposed to the United Nations in 1977 by a delegation of Native Nations as a way to bring education around the ongoing impact of colonization and awareness of genocide committed against Native Peoples; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County, IL has always been home to American Native Nations with vibrant cultural traditions and relationships to the land. This land has a violent history of genocide and removal that must be acknowledged and reconciled in order to create a County where diversity, equity and inclusion are the cornerstone of policies and procedures.

**WHEREAS**, Indigenous Peoples' Day shall be an opportunity for celebration of Indigenous cultures and contributions to the County.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the second Monday in October shall exclusively be recognized as Indigenous Peoples' Day in Cook County in perpetuity.