

Proclamation

City of Edmonds • Office of the Mayor

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY 2021

WHEREAS, Indigenous Coast Salish peoples, including Snohomish, Tulalip, Suquamish, S'Klallam, Snoqualmie, and other tribes, inhabited the Puget Sound region that includes the shorelands and uplands of Edmonds for thousands of years, using the area now known as Edmonds to harvest salmon, shellfish and land-based resources; and

WHEREAS, Indigenous Peoples of the Puget Sound region enjoyed and exhibited a rich, diverse culture and enduring spirit that continues to be present and celebrated to this day in Edmonds and throughout the region; and

WHEREAS, Indigenous culture is enshrined in sovereign tribal nations throughout the region, memorialized in case law that recognizes historic fishing and water rights, and is celebrated and recounted in the statewide "Since Time Immemorial" curriculum required since 2015 in the public schools; and

WHEREAS, the City of Edmonds values the historic and contemporary contributions made to this community by all our region's past and present Indigenous Peoples; and

WHEREAS, the residents and elected leaders of the City of Edmonds embrace an open and affirming community that celebrates diversity and rejects oppression of minority peoples, including Indigenous Peoples; and

WHEREAS, the City of Edmonds wishes, and has begun, to develop relationships and community partnerships through outreach, invitation and communication with the

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Indigenous People of the Puget Sound area; and

WHEREAS, the City of Edmonds is committed to promoting respect for, and understanding of, the region's indigenous community, their long history, and their continuing contribution to contemporary society; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the foregoing, the Edmonds City Council passed Resolution 1393 on September 19, 2017 providing for the following:

Section 1. The second Monday in October, currently recognized as a federal holiday known as Columbus Day, will be known in the City of Edmonds as Indigenous Peoples Day.

Section 2. The City Council and Mayor encourage residents, businesses, organizations and public institutions in Edmonds also to memorialize and celebrate Indigenous Peoples on the second Monday of October.

Section 3. The City Council and Mayor encourage residents, businesses, organizations and public institutions in Edmonds to take steps to acquire a more complete and balanced history of this continent's and region's development since the arrival of European settlers, including an understanding of the contributions made by Indigenous Peoples, together with the hardships and sacrifices endured by Indigenous Peoples.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MAYOR MIKE NELSON, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM:

1. The City of Edmonds wishes to extend its heartfelt gratitude to the former and current Coast Salish peoples of the Edmonds and Puget Sound region for their ever-present and ongoing, invaluable contributions to our community;
2. The City of Edmonds acknowledges that the Edmonds community exists and coexists on lands inhabited and taken care of by Coast Salish peoples for time immemorial; and
3. For the first time in its history as an incorporated city, the City of Edmonds will officially observe and celebrate Indigenous Peoples Day on October 11, 2021; and
4. The Mayor and City Council encourage all residents of Edmonds to learn more about this region's Coast Salish peoples, past and present, not only on this Indigenous Peoples Day 2021, but throughout the year; and

5. To help facilitate greater community awareness, appreciation and learning, the City has created a webpage containing links to numerous and multimedia resources related to this region's Indigenous People, which can be found at <https://edmondswa.gov/indigenous>; and

6. Given the continuing restrictions and precautions stemming from the COVID-19 pandemic, organized, in-person celebrations of Indigenous Peoples Day 2021 are not possible, yet the Mayor and City Council are committed to more robust, in-person observances of Indigenous Peoples Day in future years

PROCLAIMED this 5th day of October, 2021



Mike Nelson, Mayor

