

**VILLAGE OF YELLOW SPRINGS, OHIO
RESOLUTION 2016-57**

Recognizing that Observance of Columbus Day is Antithetical to the Humanitarian Values of the Village and Replacing the Observance of Columbus Day on the Second Monday in October with the Observance of Indigenous People's Day

WHEREAS, Council for the Village of Yellow Springs recognizes that Yellow Springs and its environs are located upon the homelands and traditional use areas of the Shawnee and that Glen Helen includes a burial mound of the Middle and Late Woodlands peoples who lived here from 500 BCE to 1500 AD; and

WHEREAS Village Council wishes to appreciate and support the work of the Miami Valley Council for Native Americans who strive to "preserve and promote the American Indian culture, its heritage, and its religion"; and

WHEREAS, Indigenous People's Day was first proposed in 1977 by a delegation of Native Nations to the United Nations sponsored International Conference on Discrimination against Indigenous Populations in the Americas; and

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

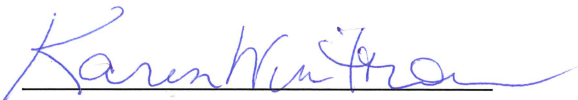
WHEREAS, Article 15 of the Declaration recognizes the right of indigenous peoples "to the dignity and diversity of their cultures, traditions, histories and aspirations which shall be appropriately reflected in education and public information" and places an obligation on states to "take effective measures, in consultation and cooperation with the indigenous peoples concerned, to combat prejudice and eliminate discrimination and to promote tolerance, understanding and good relations among indigenous people and all other segments of society";

WHEREAS, Village Council shares a responsibility to oppose the existing systemic racism towards Indigenous Peoples of the United States; and

Now, Therefore, be it Resolved that:

Section 1. Indigenous People's Day shall be used as a day to reflect upon the ongoing struggles of Indigenous Peoples in this land and to celebrate the cultures and value of Indigenous Peoples to this land.

Section 2. Council for the Village of Yellow Springs encourages businesses, organizations and public and educational institutions to recognize Indigenous People's Day.



Karen Wintrow, President of Council

Passed: 11-21-2016

Attest: _____



Judy Kintner, Clerk of Council

ROLL CALL:

Wintrow __Y__ Housh __Y__ Simms __Y__ MacQueen __Y__ Hempfling Absent__