



Berkeley City Council

CONSENT CALENDAR
September 20, 2011

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Councilmember Jesse Arreguín
Subject: Proclamation Declaring October 8, 2011 as Indigenous Peoples Day and Approving City Co-Sponsorship

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the attached proclamation:

1. Declaring October 8, 2011 as Indigenous Peoples Day in the City of Berkeley; and
2. Approving City co-sponsorship of the 2011 Indigenous Peoples Day event.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Berkeley has been the proud sponsor of Indigenous Peoples Day for the last 19 years. This day commemorates the five hundred years of survival and renewal of Native cultures in the face of political and cultural repression, and it celebrates the achievements and accomplishments of the local Native American community in Berkeley and the greater Bay Area.

The Indigenous Peoples Day Committee, a community group of local Native people and others, have once again organized the annual celebration, this year in honor and memory of Mark Gorrell, one of the founders of Indigenous Peoples day, who has walked on. The 2011 Indigenous Peoples Day Pow Wow and Indian Market on Saturday, October 8th from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in Martin Luther King Jr. Civic Center Park.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

NONE.

CONTACT PERSON:

Jesse Arreguín, Councilmember, District 4

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Attachments:

1. Proclamation

Declaring October 8, 2011 as Indigenous Peoples Day

WHEREAS, the year 2011 marks the nineteenth annual celebration of Indigenous Peoples Day in the City of Berkeley, begun in commemoration of five hundred years of survival and renewal of Native cultures in the face of political and cultural repression; and

WHEREAS, the Indigenous Peoples Day Committee, a community group of local Native people and others, have once again organized the annual celebration with an Indigenous Peoples Day Pow Wow and Indian Market in Martin Luther King Civic Center Park on Saturday, October 8th, this year in honor and memory of Mark Gorrell, one of the founders of Indigenous Peoples day, who has walked on; and

WHEREAS, the Indigenous culture flourishing in the Berkeley area since time immemorial was a sustainable peaceful culture based on cooperation among neighbors, on respect for the land and for all creatures living on it; and this Indigenous culture was disrupted and destroyed in Berkeley as in almost all parts of this hemisphere, and yet it has survived; and

WHEREAS, the Indigenous Peoples Day Pow Wow and Indian Market has brought greater understanding to the people of Berkeley regarding Native cultures and the enormous contributions they have made, and continue to make, to world culture.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that it hereby proclaims Saturday, October 8, 2011 as Indigenous Peoples Day in the City of Berkeley; officially sponsors Indigenous Peoples Day; offers gratitude to Native People on behalf of the people of Berkeley, in recognition of your care for this land, and in honor of your culture and philosophy, which are needed now more than ever if the planet is to survive; and urges all Berkeleyans to attend the Berkeley Indigenous Peoples Day Pow Wow and Indian Market, on Saturday, October 8, 2011 from 10 am to 6 pm in Martin Luther King Jr. Civic Center Park.

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