

PROCLAMATION

OF THE MENDOCINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RECOGNIZING THE SECOND MONDAY IN OCTOBER AS INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY IN MENDOCINO COUNTY

WHEREAS, Indigenous Peoples' 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, the United States endorsed the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People on December 19, 2010 and Article 15 of that declaration reads in part: Indigenous peoples have the right to the dignity and diversity of their cultures, traditions, histories and aspirations, which shall be appropriately reflected in education and public information; and

WHEREAS, the area now known as Mendocino County has been developed upon the ancestral homelands of Indigenous Peoples' who have continuously inhabited, utilized and cared for the land since time immemorial; and

WHEREAS, Indigenous Peoples' across the United States, in the State of California and in the County of Mendocino, were subjected to genocidal policies that often deprived them of their ancestral lands, their freedom and their lives; and sought to eradicate the language, culture, social and family ties of Indigenous Peoples; and

WHEREAS, numerous Tribal governments and entities have survived in the area now known as Mendocino County and have worked to preserve and revive traditional Tribal practices and disseminate knowledge of them to the wider community; and

WHEREAS, Mendocino County recognizes and values the many contributions, both historical and contemporary, made to our community through Indigenous Peoples' knowledge, philosophy, culture, art and labor; and

WHEREAS, Mendocino County wishes to formally recognize, honor and celebrate the thriving diverse Tribal governments, entities and cultures of the Indigenous Peoples' of this region.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mendocino, hereby recognizes the second Monday in October as:

“Indigenous Peoples' Day” in Mendocino County

Dated: October 19, 2021

Dan Gjerde, Chair