



# Mendocino County

## Legislation Text

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**To:** Board of Supervisors

**From:** Supervisor Haschak Supervisor McCowen

**Meeting Date:** August 20, 2019

**Department Contact:** Supervisor Haschak

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**Item Type:** Regular Agenda

**Time Allocated for Item:** 15 Minutes

**Agenda Title:**

Discussion and Possible Action Including Adoption of Proclamation Declaring the Second Monday in October as Indigenous Peoples' Day in Mendocino County; and Direction to Staff to Take the Steps Necessary to Designate the Second Monday in October as an Official County Holiday to be Known Henceforth as Indigenous Peoples' Day in Mendocino County; and Make Minor Corrections to Mendocino County Code for Purposes of Consistency

(Sponsors: Supervisor Haschak and Supervisor McCowen)

**Recommended Action/Motion:**

Adopt Proclamation declaring the second Monday in October as Indigenous People's Day in Mendocino County; and authorize Chair to sign same; direct staff to take the steps necessary to designate the second Monday in October as an official County holiday to be known as Indigenous Peoples' Day in Mendocino County; and make minor corrections to Mendocino County Code for purposes of consistency.

**Previous Board/Board Committee Actions:**

On October 6, 2015, the Board unanimously approved Resolution No. 15-150 recognizing October 12, 2015 as Indigenous Peoples' Day.

**Summary of Request:**

The County currently recognizes the second Monday in October as Columbus Day and includes it on the list of County approved holidays in Mendocino County Code section 3.04.190. Columbus Day is recognized as a Federal holiday but is only observed by approximately half of the States, including California. Increasingly, in recognition of the genocide and other grave injustices inflicted on Indigenous People following European contact, cities, counties and community groups are recognizing the second Monday in October as Indigenous Peoples' Day. It is appropriate that Mendocino County, which is home to numerous tribal groups and organizations, including at least ten federally recognized Native American tribes, officially recognize the second Monday in October as Indigenous Peoples' Day. It is requested that the Board direct staff to take the steps necessary to designate the second Monday in October as an official County holiday to be known henceforth as Indigenous Peoples' Day and amend the Mendocino County Code list of officially approved holidays.

Additionally, in reviewing the current ordinance, Counsel has also identified a few minor corrections and style

changes that would improve consistency within the Code.

**Alternative Action/Motion:**

Do not adopt proclamation nor direct staff to take the steps necessary to designate the second Monday in October as an official County holiday to be known henceforth as Indigenous Peoples' Day in Mendocino County.

**Supervisory District:** All

**vote requirement:** Majority

**Supplemental Information Available Online At:** N/A

**Fiscal Details:**

**source of funding:** N/A

**current f/y cost:** N/A

**annual recurring cost:** N/A

**budgeted in current f/y:** N/A

**if no, please describe:**

**revenue agreement:** N/A

**budget clarification:** N/A

**Agreement/Resolution/Ordinance Approved by County Counsel:** N/A

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**CEO Liaison:** Janelle Rau, Deputy CEO

**CEO Review:** Yes

**CEO Comments:**

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**Executed By:** Karla Van Hagen, Senior Deputy Clerk

**Date:** August 21, 2019

**Final Status:** Proclamation Adopted; and  
Direction Given to staff

