

The City of Anadarko
Office of the Mayor Proclamation

A PROCLAMATION relating to Indigenous Peoples' Day; declaring the second Monday in October as Indigenous Peoples' Day in the City of Anadarko; encouraging other institutions to recognize the Day; and reaffirming the City's commitment to promote the well-being and growth of Anadarko's American Indian and Indigenous community.

WHEREAS, the City of Anadarko recognizes that the Indigenous Peoples of the lands that would later become known as the Americas have occupied these lands since time immemorial; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes the fact that Anadarko is built upon the homelands and villages of the Indigenous Peoples of this region, without whom the building of the City would not have been possible; and

WHEREAS, the City values the many contributions made to our community through Indigenous Peoples' knowledge, labor, technology, science, philosophy, arts and the deep cultural contribution that has substantially shaped the character of the City of Anadarko; and

WHEREAS, the City of Anadarko is dedicated to opposing systemic racism towards Indigenous people in the United States, which perpetuates high rates of poverty and income inequality, exacerbating disproportionate health, education, and social crises; and

WHEREAS, the City promotes the closing of the equity gap for Indigenous Peoples through policies and practices that reflect the experiences of Indigenous Peoples, ensure greater access and opportunity, and honor our nation's indigenous roots, history, and contributions; and

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;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ANADARKO, THE MAYOR CONCURRING, THAT:

Section 1. The City of Anadarko strongly supports the proposition that Indigenous Peoples' Day shall be an opportunity to celebrate the thriving cultures and values of the Indigenous Peoples of our region.

Section 2. The City of Anadarko affirms that it is City policy to participate in the annual Indigenous Peoples' Day celebrations and activities.

Section 3. The City of Anadarko strongly encourages Anadarko Public Schools to include the teaching of indigenous people's history.

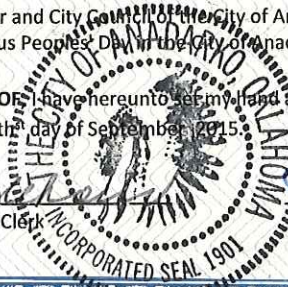
Section 4. The City of Anadarko encourages other businesses, organizations, and public institutions to recognize Indigenous Peoples' Day.

Section 5. The City of Anadarko firmly commits to continue its efforts to promote the well-being and growth of Anadarko's American Indian and Indigenous community.

Section 6. The Mayor and City Council of the City of Anadarko jointly declare the second Monday in October as Indigenous Peoples' Day in the City of Anadarko.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the Seal of the City of Anadarko to be affixed on this 28th day of September, 2015.


Jo Spanglehour, City Clerk




Kyle Eastwood, Mayor