

**PROCLAMATION**

**A PROCLAMATION OF THE STATE OF WYOMING  
PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 11, 2021, AS INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY IN THE CITY OF LARAMIE, WYOMING.**

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

**WHEREAS, the City of Laramie encompasses ancestral homelands of Indigenous Peoples' Nations; and the State of Wyoming is home to the Northern Arapaho and Eastern Shoshone Tribe; and**

**WHEREAS, Indigenous People in Laramie have, as in all parts of the Americas, endured centuries of cruelty, exploitation, and genocide; and**

**WHEREAS, facing an acknowledging our past, good as well as bad, makes our community stronger and more resilient; and**

**WHEREAS, Laramie is honored to be home to the University of Wyoming, in which many Indigenous students that represent many Tribes and Nations have chosen to continue their education; and**

**WHEREAS, the communities we know today would not be what they are without the contributions made by the Indigenous Peoples of the Americas; and**

**WHEREAS, we are nurturing a unified community that will respect and welcome the values and cultures of our neighbors; and**

**WHEREAS, the City of Laramie has a responsibility to oppose the systematic racism towards Indigenous Peoples in the United States, which perpetuates high rates of poverty and income inequality, exacerbates disproportionate health, education, and social stability; and**

**WHEREAS, the City of Laramie promotes the closing of the equity gap for Indigenous Peoples through policies and practices that reflect the experiences of Indigenous Peoples, ensuring greater access and opportunity, and honoring our nation's Indigenous history and contributions; and**

**WHEREAS, the City of Laramie, in conjunction with others throughout the United States of America, acknowledges October 11, 2021 as "Indigenous Peoples Day," this day will be a time to reflect upon the struggles of Indigenous Peoples in our Country, and to celebrate the cultures and values.**

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LARAMIE:**

**Section 1. That those living on these ancestral lands recognize that harm was done and acknowledge that we have a shared responsibility to forge a path forward to promote the prosperity and well-being of the Indigenous community.**

**Section 2. That in the pursuit of shared responsibility and of promoting knowledge about Indigenous Peoples, unifying communities, combating prejudice and eliminating discrimination against Indigenous People, the City of Laramie does hereby resolve the second Monday in October of each year to be Indigenous Peoples' Day.**

**Section 3. That the City of Laramie encourages other businesses, organizations, and public institutions to recognize Indigenous People's Day.**

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**Paul Weaver  
Mayor and President of Laramie City Council**

**Attest:**

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**Nancy Bartholomew, CMC  
City Clerk**