

The Carrboro Town Council recognizes the second Monday of October as “Indigenous Peoples’ Day” in Carrboro. The Council 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.

The resolution declaring the day as such was first adopted by the Carrboro Board of Aldermen in 2015.

**RESOLUTION DECLARING “INDIGENOUS
PEOPLES’ DAY”**

WHEREAS, the holiday known as Columbus Day has been a federal holiday since 1937; and,

WHEREAS, the Town of Carrboro recognizes that the Indigenous Peoples of the lands that would later become known as the Americas have shared these lands since time immemorial; and

WHEREAS, the Town recognizes the fact that Orange County, North Carolina is drawn across the ancestral land of the Indigenous Peoples of this region; and

WHEREAS, the descendants of the Saponi people and other Indigenous Peoples are members of our community today; and

WHEREAS, the Town recognizes and values the many contributions made to our community through Indigenous Peoples' knowledge, labor, technology, science, philosophy, arts and culture; and

WHEREAS, the Town has a responsibility to oppose systematic racism towards Indigenous Peoples, which perpetuates high rates of poverty and income inequality, and exacerbates disproportionate health, education, and social harm; and

WHEREAS, the Town 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; and

WHEREAS, On February 4, 2002 the Occaneechi Band of the Saponi Nation located in Orange and Alamance counties became North Carolina's eighth official Indian tribe; and

WHEREAS, on April 21, 2009 the Town of Carrboro was declared a Human Rights City adopting the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (as the second city in the nation to do so), committing itself to protect, respect and fulfill the full range of inherent human rights for all as set forth in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and numerous other international human rights treaties; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN OF CARRBORO THAT:

Section 1. The Mayor and Carrboro Town Council declare the second Monday in October as Indigenous Peoples' Day in the Town of Carrboro.

Section 2. The Town of Carrboro strongly affirms 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 3. The Town of Carrboro strongly encourages Chapel Hill-Carrboro and Orange County Public Schools to include culturally appropriate teaching of Indigenous Peoples' history in their curricula.

Section 4. The Town of Carrboro firmly commits to working with Indigenous communities to promote the well-being and sustenance of Carrboro's Indigenous community.