



AGENDA REPORT

City Council

DATE:	August 26, 2025
TO:	Mayor Martinez and Members of the City Council
FROM:	Vice Mayor Cesar Zepeda
Subject:	Proclamation recognizing August 9, 2025, as International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples
FINANCIAL IMPACT:	None
PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION:	None
STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE:	On December 23, 1994, the United Nations General Assembly adopted resolution 49/214 declaring that the International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples shall be observed on August 9th every year. The date marks the day of the first meeting, in 1982, of the UN Working Group on Indigenous Populations of the Sub-Commission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights.
RECOMMENDED ACTION:	PROCLAMATION recognizing August 9, 2025, as International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples, which celebrates the important contributions of Indigenous Peoples to society and the need to protect their rights and culture - Vice Mayor Cesar Zepeda (510-620-6593).

DISCUSSION:

The International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples was established on December 23, 1994, by the United Nations General Assembly, through resolution 489/214. The resolution provided that the International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples shall be observed on August 9 of every year during the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People. The date marks the day of the first meeting in 1982, of the UN Working group on Indigenous populations of the sub-commission on the promotion and protection of human rights.

This day established by the United Nations recognizes and celebrates the contributions and rights of Indigenous Peoples worldwide, while also acknowledging their historical and ongoing struggles. The purpose of this day is to raise awareness about the needs and rights of Indigenous Peoples.

In Richmond, California, the Richmond Art Center hosted a Fall Family Day event to celebrate Indigenous Peoples' Day, which often overlaps with The International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples. The event included activities such as viewing indigenous artist and musicians, enjoying cultural food, and learning about indigenous cultures and history. The day serves as a reminder of the important contributions of Indigenous Peoples to society and the need to protect their rights and culture.

DOCUMENTS ATTACHED:

Attachment 1 – Proclamation