



PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS:** The City Council of Dover, New Hampshire, recognizes that Indigenous Peoples have inhabited the lands now known as the Americas for millennia and that our local Indigenous Peoples have joyously maintained their community, celebrated their culture, and stewarded the land of Cocheco, the area now known as Dover; and
- WHEREAS:** We recognize that Dover is built upon the traditional homelands of the Pennacook, Abenaki and Wabanaki Peoples, both past and present, and respect the rights of all Indigenous Peoples everywhere; and
- WHEREAS:** The City of Dover solemnly and respectfully recognizes the culture of genocide, enslavement, and atrocities perpetrated on Indigenous Peoples of this land, the enduring trauma created by violence, hatred, and oppression; and perhaps most importantly, the courageous actions of Indigenous Peoples to rise above these tragic challenges and maintain their cherished ways and beliefs; and
- WHEREAS:** The City of Dover is committed to protecting and advocating for justice, human rights, and the dignity of all people who live in, work in, and visit Dover, nurturing a unified community that will respect and welcome the values and culture of our neighbors; and
- WHEREAS:** We now establish the second Monday in October as Indigenous Peoples' Day, an opportunity for the community to not only reflect the ongoing struggles of Indigenous People, but to celebrate the thriving cultures and values of all residents of our region and to stand in solidarity with Indigenous Peoples everywhere.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROBERT CARRIER, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF DOVER, NEW HAMPSHIRE, AND THE ENTIRE CITY COUNCIL, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM ON BEHALF OF THE CITIZENS OF DOVER OCTOBER 10, 2022 as:

Indigenous Peoples Day

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Dover to be affixed this **5th Day of October, 2022.**

Robert Carrier, Mayor,
City of Dover, New Hampshire