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Manitou Springs City Council Replaces Columbus Day with Indigenous Peoples' Day

MANITOU SPRINGS CO – The City of Manitou Springs recognizes the fact that our beautiful City was built on the homelands and villages of the Ute, Cheyenne, and Arapahoe indigenous tribes of this region. Thus, the Manitou Springs City Council on February 16, 2021, unanimously approved a resolution proclaiming the second Monday in October as Indigenous Peoples' Day.

“As a City that was built on the lands of the indigenous peoples of this area, it is our duty to respect their many contributions to our society, and celebrate the knowledge and cultural impact that the indigenous people of this region have had on us all. While doing so, we must also oppose the systemic racism that they have experienced since Europe’s arrival in the United States, and recognize the wrongdoings of the past.”

-Mayor John Graham, 2021

[Link to Draft Resolution \(Page 105\)](#)

Note: The signed resolution will be available via the same documents database in the near future. You can find it under the “Resolutions” folder.

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