



# PROCLAMATION

## CELEBRATION OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY

**WHEREAS**, the City of Imperial Beach stands on the unceded ancestral lands of the Kumeyaay people, who have lived, stewarded, and thrived on these lands since time immemorial, contributing deeply to the region's cultural, environmental, and social legacy; and

**WHEREAS**, the Kumeyaay people, along with other Indigenous Peoples, continue to embody resilience, strength, and wisdom, preserving their knowledge, traditions, and connection to the land despite centuries of adversity, colonization, and displacement; and

**WHEREAS**, Indigenous communities have profoundly shaped and enriched the shared histories of this region through acts of friendship, protection, and guidance, working alongside non-Native residents to create a more inclusive and connected community; and

**WHEREAS**, Indigenous Peoples today, including those from many Tribal Nations who now call this region home, continue to practice their cultures, honor their heritage, and share their histories through oral tradition, art, music, language, and education, ensuring their legacies live on for future generations; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Imperial Beach celebrates the extraordinary contributions of Indigenous Peoples to all aspects of society—agriculture, environmental stewardship, medicine, the arts, governance, and education—acknowledging that these contributions form the foundation for much of the progress enjoyed by all today; and

**WHEREAS**, Indigenous knowledge systems and sustainable practices offer valuable insights into environmental stewardship, emphasizing a reciprocal relationship with nature, which remains essential for addressing modern challenges such as climate change and the preservation of natural resources; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Imperial Beach is committed to promoting awareness, education, and engagement with Indigenous cultures, seeking to foster mutual respect, understanding, and unity by recognizing and uplifting the diverse experiences, histories, and contributions of Indigenous Peoples, past and present; and

**WHEREAS**, in honoring the legacy of Indigenous Peoples, the City of Imperial Beach reaffirms its commitment to preserving Indigenous languages, and celebrating Indigenous-led initiatives that contribute to cultural and environmental sustainability; and

**WHEREAS**, Indigenous Peoples' Day is an opportunity to reflect on the strength, perseverance, and creativity of Indigenous communities, and to ensure that the cultural diversity and wisdom of these communities remain an essential part of Imperial Beach's identity and future;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Paloma Aguirre, Mayor of the City of Imperial Beach, California, together with the City Council, do hereby recognize and commemorate October 14, 2024, as Indigenous Peoples' Day, honoring the Kumeyaay people and all Indigenous Peoples whose enduring presence and contributions enrich our city's history, culture, and future.

Dated: November 6, 2024

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Paloma Aguirre, Mayor