



City of Racine, Wisconsin

AGENDA BRIEFING MEMORADUM

AGENDA DATE: July 12, 2018
SUBJECT: Creation of Indigenous Peoples’ Day Resolution
PREPARED BY: Brendan Saunders, Community Development Compliance Specialist
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: Communication from Coming Together Racine requesting a resolution to be adopted to recognize the second Monday in October as “Indigenous Peoples Day”.
BACKGROUND & ANALYSIS: <p style="text-align: center;">Proclaiming the Second Monday of October as Indigenous Peoples’ Day</p> <p>Indigenous Peoples’ Day began in commemoration of five hundred years of survival and renewal of native cultures in the face of political and cultural repression. The indigenous cultures flourishing in the City of Racine since time immemorial established sustainable, accommodating cultures based on cooperation among neighbors and respect for the land and for all creatures living on it. These indigenous cultures were disrupted and destroyed in the City of Racine, as in almost all parts of this hemisphere, and yet with great resilience they have survived.</p> <p>With at least 12,000 years of human occupation, today parts of the City of Racine may have been built on sacred ground. The population in this area has transformed from a 100% indigenous society to a society with a 1% Native American population.</p> <p>The Indigenous Peoples’ Day recognition could bring greater understanding to the people of the City of Racine regarding native nations and cultures and the enormous contributions they have made and continue to make to world culture and to the City of Racine.</p> <p>This request is supported by Coming Together Racine, an anti-racist organization formed in 2005, and by the Social Justice Task Force of Visioning a Greater Racine.</p>
BUDGETARY IMPACT: There is no budgetary impact.
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt a resolution from Coming Together Racine to recognize the second Monday in October as “Indigenous Peoples’ Day.