

CITY OF SEQUIM

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Sequim recognizes Indigenous people have lived upon this land since time immemorial and values the progress our society has accomplished through the contributions of the Indigenous peoples' culture, and

WHEREAS, natives and non-natives have shared this community for hundreds of years and the Indigenous people have provided us friendship, guidance and protection, and

WHEREAS, the idea of Indigenous Peoples Day was first proposed in 1977 by a delegation of Native nations to the United Nations – sponsored International Conference on Discrimination against Indigenous populations in the Americas, and

WHEREAS, other cities and communities, locally and around the Country, have declared their own Indigenous Peoples Day, including Jefferson County and the City of Port Townsend, the City of Port Angeles, and the City of Seattle, and

WHEREAS, the City of Sequim wishes to recognize Natives with a day to celebrate and honor Indigenous people to better reflect the experiences of Indigenous people and to hold in esteem their roots, history and contributions, and

WHEREAS, the City of Sequim wishes to preserve and promote the history and culture of all Indigenous people and believes the time has come to observe a yearly holiday in their name.

NOW, THEREFORE, as the Mayor of Sequim, I declare the second Monday in October as Indigenous Peoples Day in the City of Sequim from this day forward, and encourage continued recognition, appreciation and celebration of our goodwill and friendship with our local Indigenous Peoples, and I strongly encourage community members, schools, businesses, public and private organizations, and other community partners to join communities across America in recognizing and promoting the wellbeing and understanding of the contributions of our Indigenous communities.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the City of Sequim this ____ day of September 2019.

Dennis Smith, Mayor