

RESOLUTION No. 2021-

***RELATIVE TO SUPPORT OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES WEEKEND***

BY:

Council Member William Kennedy II  
Council Member Frank Soda  
Council Member John Spanbauer

**WHEREAS**, the City of Niagara Falls recognizes that the Indigenous Peoples of the lands, which would later become known as the Americas, have occupied these lands since time immemorial; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Niagara Falls recognizes the fact that the City is built upon the homelands and villages of the Indigenous Peoples of this region, without whom the building of the City would not have been possible; and

**WHEREAS**, the City values the many contributions made to our community through Indigenous Peoples' knowledge, labor, technology, science, philosophy, arts and the deep cultural contribution that has substantially shaped the character and history of the City of Niagara Falls; and

**WHEREAS**, Indigenous People's Weekend, which will be celebrated October 8<sup>th</sup> through October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021, was created to honor the past, present and futures of indigenous peoples, acknowledge the legacy of colonialism and to raise awareness of its present-day impact; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council seeks to the honor our nation's indigenous roots, history, and contributions.

Kennedy\_\_\_\_\_ Soda\_\_\_\_\_ Spanbauer\_\_\_\_\_ Voccio\_\_\_\_\_ Tompkins\_\_\_\_\_

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Niagara Falls, that it hereby designates and proclaims, in the spirit of solidarity and in celebration of the original people of North America, that October 8<sup>th</sup> through October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021 shall be known as “Indigenous Peoples’ Weekend” in the City of Niagara Falls; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Council firmly commits to continue its efforts to promote the well-being and growth of Niagara Falls’ American Indian and Indigenous communities; and be it further

**RESOLVED** that our City is proud to celebrate the thriving cultures and values of the Indigenous Peoples of our region.