

CITY OF FLAGSTAFF – OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Flagstaff recognizes that it is built on lands known, inhabited, loved, and respected by Indigenous people since time immemorial; and

WHEREAS, the City of Flagstaff was built and is still energized and maintained and shaped today with Indigenous peoples' knowledge, labor, technology, science, philosophy, arts, and commerce; and

WHEREAS, advocating for and supporting actions that lead to the advancement of social and environmental justice for Indigenous communities is a priority per City Council goals and objectives; and

WHEREAS, the City of Flagstaff understands that government entities, organizations, and public institutions have a responsibility to enact policies to combat racism and to build justice and equity for Indigenous people and all people who suffer from the effects of prejudice and discrimination; and

WHEREAS, the observance of Columbus Day is a commemoration of assimilation, loss of ancestral lands, erasure, and genocide against Indigenous peoples; and

WHEREAS, to this end City officials and residents throughout Flagstaff and the surrounding areas participated in 2016 and 2017 in a series of Indigenous Community Forums, to hear the concerns and ideas of Indigenous people, and adopted the strategy and recommendations that came from these forums; and

WHEREAS, the City of Flagstaff resolved in 2018 to support efforts to educate the public about historic and contemporary Indigenous human rights concerns, and to honor its Indigenous roots by becoming a better steward of the land it is built upon; and

WHEREAS, the City of Flagstaff has since moved to establish a full-time position for Indigenous Affairs Administration, seat the Indigenous Commission, and enter into an MOU for the development of an Indigenous Community Cultural Center and programming; and

WHEREAS, the City of Flagstaff, Mayor and Councilmembers hereby recognize and renew the commitment between the City of Flagstaff and the Indigenous nations and communities of northern Arizona to work together for the benefit of all.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Becky Daggett, Mayor of the City of Flagstaff, Arizona do hereby proclaim October 12th, 2026, as

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY

Becky Daggett
MAYOR

ATTEST:

Macy Salzburg
CITY CLERK