

# PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY OF GIG HARBOR

## Proclaiming October 11, 2021 as “Indigenous Peoples’ Day” in Gig Harbor, Washington

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

**WHEREAS**, the City recognizes and honors the fact that Gig Harbor is built upon the homelands and villages of Indigenous Peoples of this region better known as a band of the Puyallup Tribe called sx<sup>w</sup>əbabc̓; and

**WHEREAS** the City recognizes that Native American tribes have made and continue to make invaluable contributions to the diversity, arts, knowledge, labor, technology, science, philosophy, and economy of the state of Washington, and their historical and cultural contributions, particularly those of the sx<sup>w</sup>əbabc̓ band of the Puyallup Tribe, have substantially shaped the character of the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has a responsibility to oppose institutional and systematic bigotry and racism towards Indigenous People in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, “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**, many jurisdictions in the United States celebrate “Indigenous Peoples’ Day,” including the cities of Spokane, adopted in 2016; Olympia, adopted in 2015; Seattle, adopted in 2014; and Tacoma, adopted in 2013; and

**WHEREAS**, the City and Puyallup Tribe are committed to work in cooperation to build the relationship between the two governments; and

**WHEREAS**, these actions are a demonstration of the City’s ongoing commitment to strengthening the relationship between the Puyallup Tribe and the City;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that October 11, 2021 is

### Indigenous Peoples’ Day

in Gig Harbor, Washington.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Gig Harbor to be affixed this 11th day of October, 2021.

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Mayor, City of Gig Harbor

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Date