

P R O C L A M A T I O N

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY

WHEREAS, the indigenous peoples of the lands that would later become known as Muscatine have occupied these lands since time immemorial, and Muscatine is built upon the homelands and communities of the indigenous peoples of this region, without whom the building of the city would not be possible; and

WHEREAS, we value 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 of Muscatine; and

WHEREAS, the City opposes racism toward indigenous peoples of Muscatine or any lowans of any origin and honor our nation's indigenous roots, history, and contributions; 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, the City of Muscatine joins a growing number of cities that have recognized the second Monday of October as Indigenous Peoples Day, creating an opportunity to promote appreciation, tolerance, understanding, friendship, and partnerships among indigenous peoples and all Muscatine residents; and

WHEREAS, the City of Muscatine will observe Indigenous Peoples' Day on October 8, 2018, as an opportunity to recognize and celebrate the history, culture, and contributions of indigenous peoples in our community; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting for parents and their children, educators, businesses and other members of the community to join the celebration in an effort to build community and understanding between indigenous peoples in the community and all other Muscatine residents.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Diana Broderson, Mayor of the City of Muscatine, Iowa, do hereby proclaim October 8, 2018 as Indigenous Peoples Day in the City of Muscatine.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name to be affixed this 4th day of October, 2018.

Diana Broderson, Mayor