

RESOLUTION NO. 67,328–N.S.

IMPLEMENT UNITED NATIONS DECLARATION ON THE RIGHTS OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AS MUNICIPAL POLICY

WHEREAS, the Peace and Justice Commission advises the City Council on all matters relating to the City of Berkeley's role in issues of peace and social justice (Berkeley Municipal Code (BMC) Chapter 368.070; and

WHEREAS, the City of Berkeley adopted Ordinance 5,985-N.S., the "City of Berkeley Human Rights Ordinance, 1990" adopting a human rights policy based on articles 55 and 56 of the United Nations Charter; and

WHEREAS, on May 19, 2009, the Berkeley City Council passed resolution to Recognize and endorse the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples; and

WHEREAS, the City of Berkeley recognizes the unique history and historical knowledge of and by Indigenous peoples in the region and the world; and

WHEREAS, defense of indigenous rights, culture, and dignity are a public value of the City, with benefits that redound to every City resident, and should therefore carry great weight in the City's land use and development, public planning, landmarking and zoning; and

WHEREAS, it is incumbent upon the City of Berkeley to respect and implement internationally recognized treaties, agreements, and declarations of which the United States of America is a signatory; and

WHEREAS, the participants of the International Symposium on Indigenous Peoples at the United Nations: From the Experience of the First Delegates to the Empowerment of the Younger Generations" on September 13, 2013 recommended the following steps to implement the Declaration in local communities:

- Work to have the domestic, regional, state or provincial government support and endorse the Declaration.
- Consider an Implementation Act at the national or federal level.
- Utilize all relevant parliamentary or governmental committees.
- All schools and colleges should teach the Declaration and include it in their curriculum.
- Persistently educate Indigenous Peoples on the Declaration at the local level. Advocate for corporations and business enterprises, operating or seeking to operate in concert with the Declaration.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Berkeley states its intent to create an ordinance to implement the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples as municipal policy.

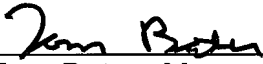
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The foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Berkeley City Council on December 15, 2015 by the following vote:

Ayes: Anderson, Arreguin, Capitelli, Droste, Maio, Moore, Wengraf, Worthington and Bates.

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

  
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Tom Bates, Mayor

Attest:   
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Mark Numainville, City Clerk