

CITY OF SPOKANE



PROCLAMATION

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 the United States endorsed the United Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples on December 16, 2010; and

WHEREAS, the City of Spokane is built upon the homelands and village sites of the Indigenous Peoples of this region and recognizes that the Indigenous Peoples of the land that would later become known as the Americas have lived here since time immemorial; and

WHEREAS, the City of Spokane recognizes the historical and spiritual significance of Spokane Falls to the Native people of the region who came to the falls as a gathering place for fishing, spiritual practice, trading, celebrations, and the shaping of bounty:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nadine Woodward, Mayor of the City of Spokane, on behalf of the citizens of Spokane, do hereby proclaim October 9, 2023, as

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY

in Spokane and urge citizens to recognize the values of the many contributions made by the community through Indigenous Peoples' knowledge, labor, technology, science, philosophy, arts, and the deep cultural contributions that have and continue to affect the character of Spokane.

I, Nadine Woodward, Mayor of Spokane,
do hereunto set my hand and
cause the seal of the City of Spokane
to be affixed this
3rd day of October 2023.

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Nadine Woodward".

Nadine Woodward
Mayor

