



WHEREAS, the second Monday in October is recognized by the City of Rockville, Maryland, as Indigenous Peoples' Day; and

WHEREAS, this day honors the vibrant cultures, traditions, and histories of the indigenous peoples of the Americas; and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge that this region is built upon lands likely originally inhabited by tribes such as the Piscataway, Anacostank, Pamunkey, Mattapanient, Nangemeick, and Tauxehent; and

WHEREAS, the arrival of European settlers led to the forced removal, displacement, enslavement, and genocide of countless indigenous peoples, causing immeasurable suffering and oppression; and

WHEREAS, despite centuries of injustice, indigenous communities have shown remarkable strength, resilience, and a continued commitment to preserving their identities; and

WHEREAS, as a city, we recognize the importance of confronting the painful legacies of colonization, genocide, and stolen land; and

WHEREAS, we are committed to promoting justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion for all residents, including the indigenous community; and

WHEREAS, celebrating Indigenous Peoples' Day is a step towards rectifying historical invisibility and honoring the ongoing contributions of Native Americans; and

NOW THEREFORE, the Mayor and Council of the City of Rockville, Maryland, do hereby proclaim **Monday, October 13, 2025**, as **Indigenous Peoples' Day** in Rockville, Maryland, and call upon all members of the community to join us in celebrating with our friends, family, and neighbors.




Monique Ashton, Mayor


Kate Fulton, Councilmember


Izola (Zola) Shaw, Councilmember


Barry Jackson, Councilmember


Marissa Valeri, Councilmember


David Myles, Councilmember


Adam Van Grack, Councilmember

October 6, 2025