



WHEREAS, the second Monday in October is recognized by the City of Rockville, Maryland and in America, 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 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

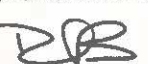
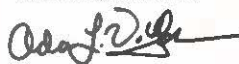
WHEREAS, as a city, we recognize the importance of confronting the painful legacies of colonization, genocide, and stolen land; and

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 12, 2026**, 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.



 Kate Fulton, Councilmember	 Marissa Valeri, Mayor
 Barry Jackson, Councilmember	 Izola (Zola) Shaw, Councilmember
 David Myles, Councilmember	 Adam Van Grack, Councilmember

October 5, 2026