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## Resolution for Recognition of... October 12th as Indigenous Peoples Day

Whereas: October 12, 1492 is the most devastating and impactful date to all indigenous people of the Americas.

Whereas: Colonization of indigenous people wrecked and destroyed indigenous cultures and achievements.

Whereas: Modern day society is coming to grips with the inhumanities wrought upon indigenous people.

Whereas: Numerous cities and state governments within the United States have recognized Columbus Day as Indigenous Peoples Day in efforts to create a path of healing for all the injuries stemming from that date.

Whereas: We indigenous people of the YanaGuana also recognize the need for education of our people to their heritage as indigenous people and through education begin to instill much needed pride to a community devastated through years of colonization.

Whereas: Indigenous people, by their closeness to Mother Earth, have contributed in creating many of the mainstay agriculture foods principally corn, beans, squash, chocolate, avocado, peanuts, and so many more that we are unable to list all on this page. The contributions of Indigenous people are not solely in agriculture but in all aspects of todays society. Indigenous people maintained the natural resources that fuel the economy of this government and are deserving of an honorable mention such as Indigenous Peoples Day.

Therefore: We look to our local government for support in our endeavour for recognition of our contributions and humanity.

We respectfully request a resolution recognizing October 12th as Indigenous Peoples Day in YanaGuana that is now known as San Antonio, Texas.

Note: We do have our Resolution recognizing October 12 as Indigenous Peoples Day on the County Commissioners Court October 6th Agenda, hopefully it will be voted in. I'm still trying to reason with our City Council, asking them to place it on their October 7 agenda. —Tlazocamati— Contact Antonio Díaz: indigenousway@gmail.com

