



Tompkins County Legislature

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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the members of the Tompkins County Legislature recognize that the Indigenous Peoples of the lands that would later become known as the Americas have occupied these lands since time immemorial, and

WHEREAS, the County recognizes the fact that we currently stand on the ancestral land of the Gayogohónq' people, also known as the Cayuga people, and the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, and

WHEREAS, the County values the many contributions made to our community through Indigenous People's knowledge, labor, technology, science, philosophy, arts, and the deep cultural contribution that has helped shape the character of Tompkins County, and

WHEREAS, the County has committed, through its diversity policy and other non-discrimination policies, to oppose the systematic racism towards all marginalized peoples, including the Indigenous Peoples in our region, and

WHEREAS, the County has for years committed to protect, respect, and fulfill the full range of inherent human rights for all as set forth in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and numerous other international human rights treaties, and

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 in 2021 former president Joe Biden issued the first presidential proclamation of Indigenous Peoples' Day in the United States, and

WHEREAS, the County recognizes Indigenous peoples as contemporary peoples and proposes to honor our Country's, and more specifically, Tompkins County's Indigenous roots, history, and contributions, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Tompkins County Legislature does hereby proclaim the second Monday of October, October 13th, 2025 as

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY

in Tompkins County.

RESOLVED, further, That together with our entire community, we join in celebration of Indigenous Peoples' Day in a manner that promotes respect, understanding, and friendship, combats prejudice, and eliminates discrimination stemming from colonization.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, Dan Klein, on behalf of the Tompkins County Legislature, have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the great seal of Tompkins County, State of New York, on this 7th day of October 2025.

Dan Klein, Chair
Tompkins County Legislature