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Leelanau County Resolution #2017-012
A Resolution to Recognize the First Day of October as Indigenous Peoples Day

WHEREAS, the County of Leelanau is situated on a peninsula of unique and unparalleled beauty, which provides a bounty to its residents through fertile land and access to Lake Michigan and the Grand Traverse Bay; and

WHEREAS, the County of Leelanau would not exist nor its residents enjoy its beauty and bounty but for the acquisition of its lands from the homelands of the Anishinabek people, who lived here since time immemorial and to the present day; and

WHEREAS, the County of Leelanau wishes to recognize with gratitude the roots, history, and contributions of the Anishinabek people towards its existence; and

WHEREAS, an international movement began in 1977 to transform Columbus Day to Indigenous Peoples Day by a delegation of native nations to the United States; and

WHEREAS, in 1990, representatives from 120 Indigenous Nations at the First Continental Conference on 500 Years of Indian Resistance unanimously passed a resolution to use Columbus Day as an opportunity to educate the public about Indian cultures that pre-existed European contact; and

WHEREAS, since 1990, numerous municipalities throughout the United States have incorporated the principles of the First Continental Conference by voting to rename Columbus Day to Indigenous Peoples Day and to use the day to honor the culture, heritage, and contributions of their native citizens and neighbors; and

WHEREAS, Leelanau County wishes to extend recognition to, and appreciation of, its Anishinabek citizens and neighbors, and their shared history, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Leelanau County shall forthwith recognize the First Day of October as Indigenous Peoples Day; and, further be it

RESOLVED, that Indigenous Peoples Day shall be used to celebrate their continued existence and culture; and to honor and appreciate their commitment to protecting and preserving the earth, her resources, and her creatures.

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William J. Bunek, Chairman
Leelanau County Board of Commissioners



Handwritten signature of Michelle Crocker in blue ink.

Michelle Crocker, County Clerk
Clerk to the Board of Commissioners