

A resolution by Supervisor Martin, authorizing and directing the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (DPRC), to change the name of Columbus Park to Indigenous Peoples' Park to align with the values of Milwaukee County and to honor local indigenous groups, and authorizing an appropriation transfer in the amount of \$9,700 from Org. Unit 1800-1945 Appropriation for Contingencies to Org. Unit 9000 DPRC, by recommending adoption of the following:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Columbus Park (the Park) is located between North 72nd and North 74th Streets, and West Courtland and West Glendale Avenues in Milwaukee; and

WHEREAS, on September 28, 1956, the Park was named for Christopher Columbus by the Milwaukee County (the County) Park Commission; and

WHEREAS, the history of the settling of the United States, and the role that Christopher Columbus played, is contentious and frequently ignores the displacement and suffering of Indigenous peoples; and

WHEREAS, Indigenous peoples were forced to relinquish their land in the early 1800s by settlers to expand West, and were either forced onto reservations in isolation, or made to assimilate with colonizing groups; and

WHEREAS, the County is home to several Indigenous groups, including the Menominee, Fox, Mascouten, Sauk, Potawatomi, Ojibwe, and Ho-Chunk tribes, along with the many tribes that live throughout the State of Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, the largest Native American population in Wisconsin, the Menominee, was pressured to sell away 11,600 square miles of land along the lower Fox River; and

WHEREAS, other tribes, including the Sauk and Fox tribes, were forced to cede their land claims in southern Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution on December 15, 2016, (File No. 16-698), declaring the second Monday of October as Indigenous People's Day; and

WHEREAS, the naming of a park often reflects significant individuals and contributions to the community; and

WHEREAS, changing the name of the Park to Indigenous People's Park is a meaningful way to honor the contributions of Indigenous groups throughout the County; and

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48 WHEREAS, the Committee on Parks, Energy, and Environment, at its meeting of
49 January 29, 2019, recommended adoption of File No. 19-101 (vote 3-0); now, therefore,
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51 BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby directs
52 the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (DPRC) to change the name of
53 Columbus Park to Indigenous Peoples' Park; and
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55 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the DPRC is authorized to perform any steps
56 necessary to implement the change; and
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58 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Department of Administrative Services is
59 authorized and directed to process an appropriation transfer in the amount of \$9,700
60 from Org. 1800-1945 – Appropriation for Contingencies, to an appropriate account
61 within Org. 9000 – DPRC, to offset the anticipated costs of updating the signage at the
62 park to reflect the new name.
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