PROCLAMATION

Indigenous Peoples' Day

October 9, 2023

- **WHEREAS**, the City of Elk Grove recognizes the contributions made by its first and rightful inhabitants, The Plains Miwok, and other Indigenous Peoples' that have substantially shaped the character of Elk Grove; and
- **WHEREAS**, we oppose the systematic racism towards Indigenous Peoples in the United States, which perpetuates high rates of poverty and income inequality, exacerbates disproportionate health, education, and social stability; and
- **WHEREAS**, we promote closing the equity gap for Indigenous Peoples through policies and practices that reflect the experiences of Indigenous Peoples, ensuring greater access and opportunity, and honoring our nation's Indigenous history and contributions; 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
- WHEREAS, the United States endorsed the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (the "Declaration") on December 16, 2010 and the Declaration recognizes that "Indigenous Peoples have suffered from historic injustices as a result of, inter alia, their colonization and dispossession of their lands, territories and resources"; and
- WHEREAS, Article 15 of the Declaration recognizes the right of Indigenous Peoples "to the dignity and diversity of their cultures, traditions, histories and aspirations which shall be appropriately reflected in education and public information" and places an obligation on States to promote acceptance and "take effective measures, in consultation and cooperation with the Indigenous Peoples concerned, to combat prejudice and eliminate discrimination and to promote tolerance, understanding and good relations among Indigenous Peoples and all other segments of society."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Elk Grove hereby affirms and proclaims Monday, October 9, 2023 as Indigenous Peoples' Day in the City of Elk Grove and urges all residents to reflect upon the ongoing struggles of Indigenous People on this land; to promote the prosperity and well-being of the Wilton Rancheria Tribe, the only Federally recognized tribe in Sacramento County, whose Tribal Headquarters is in Elk Grove; and celebrate the thriving culture and value that Indigenous Peoples add to the city.

SIGNED this 27th day of September, 2023.

BOBBIE SINGH-ALLEN, MAYOR

KEVIN SPEASE, VICE MAYOR

SERGIO ROBLES, COUNCIL MEMBER

ROD BREWER, COUNCIL MEMBER

DARREN SUEN, COUNCIL MEMBER