



INDIGENOUS CONNECTIONS

PARTICIPATE IN CULTURAL PROGRAMMING FOR INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY

Recognizing October 14th

On behalf of BGCA Native Services and the Indigenous Connections Movement Resource Group, we would like to recognize "**Indigenous Peoples' Day**" on October 14th. Celebrated on the second Monday of October each year, and officially commemorated at the national level in 2021, Indigenous Peoples' Day offers the opportunity to celebrate and honor the history, diversity and culture of those with Native heritage.

Indigenous Peoples' Day also provides the space to recognize the tremendous strength and resilience of Native people and highlights all that has been overcome.

Please join us in standing in solidarity with Native communities by participating in your own culturally relevant and trauma-informed programming to celebrate and honor Native heritage. We hope that you will spread the word about this significant day and recognize the important contributions of Indigenous people which have shaped our world.

THE FACTS:

- **Indigenous Peoples' Day is typically observed on the same day as Columbus Day**, a federal holiday established decades ago to recognize Columbus' sighting in 1492 of what came to be known as the Americas.
- From the White House: **[A Proclamation on Indigenous Peoples' Day](#)**
- **29 states do not celebrate Columbus Day and have renamed it or replaced it with Indigenous Peoples' Day.** Some states recognize the day via proclamation, while others treat it as an official holiday.
- **There has been some effort to formally designate Indigenous Peoples' Day as a federal holiday.** The Indigenous Peoples' Day Act, reintroduced in Congress on October 2, 2023, would designate the second Monday of October as Indigenous Peoples' Day nationwide.

