



**CITY OF TACOMA, WASHINGTON
OFFICE OF THE CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL CONSIDERATION REQUEST (CCR)**

TO: Mayor & City Council
FROM: Mayor Victoria Woodards and Chief Policy Analyst Melanie Harding
COPIES TO: Elizabeth Pauli, City Manager; Tadd Wille, Assistant City Manager; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney; Executive Leadership Team; File
SUBJECT: Indigenous Peoples' Day, bridge naming, and the posting of the Puyallup Nation Flag
DATE: September 25, 2018

ITEM/ISSUE PROPOSED FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

I ask for your support for the inclusion of the following item on the agenda at the earliest available meeting of the Study Session:

With the approval of the Puyallup Tribe, I respectfully request City Council concurrence to direct the City Manager to: 1. Prepare a resolution declaring the second Monday in October as "Indigenous Peoples' Day" in the City of Tacoma in perpetuity; 2. Make arrangements for the Puyallup Nation Flag to be posted in City Council Chambers during the Council meeting where the resolution is read and have the flag remain in perpetuity; and 3. Initiate the process of naming the bridge that extends from Puyallup Avenue across the Puyallup River to Fife with a name recognizing the Puyallup Tribe's current and historical presence.

BRIEF BACKGROUND:

Over the last year, the City Council and I have worked in cooperation with the Puyallup Tribe to build the relationship between our two governments through the sponsoring of Canoe Journey, the sharing in cultural events, and in coming together in conversation regularly on issues of importance to our two jurisdictions. These actions build on the growth we have seen between our two governments this year.

In addition to the three items requested above meeting the approval of the Puyallup Tribe, the City of Tacoma Human Rights Commission and community groups have come forward to request the declaration of "Indigenous Peoples' Day" in the City of Tacoma. More than 70 jurisdictions in the United States celebrate Indigenous Peoples' Day, including the cities of Spokane (adopted in 2016), Olympia (adopted in 2015), and Seattle (adopted in 2014).

Taken together, these three actions are intended to demonstrate our ongoing commitment to strengthening the relationship between the Puyallup Tribe and the City of Tacoma and to acknowledge in our Council Chambers and throughout Tacoma that the lands where we live, work, and play traditionally sustained the people of the Puyallup Tribe.

STRATEGIC POLICY PRIORITY:

State and briefly explain which strategic policy priority is best aligned to this action. Please remove the statements below you are not directly addressing.

- Ensure all Tacoma residents are valued and have access to resources to meet their needs.
- Cultivate a vibrant cultural sector that fosters a creative, cohesive community.

POLICY DEVELOPMENT PATH:

☐ **Request for policy development and legislation**

This item is best aligned with the purview of the following Council Standing Committee (refer to Council Standing Committee Process Manual):

☐ Community Vitality and Safety

☐ Economic Development

☐ Government Performance and Finance ☐ Infrastructure, Planning and Sustainability

☒ **Request for Resolution**

☐ **Is there a specific deadline for this request?** (Note: All Council Consideration Requests will be expedited as soon as possible) 10/2/2018

Please provide a brief explanation of deadline: Tribal Council members and their color guard will be available to present their nation's flag on this date

FUNDING REQUESTED:

☐ **Council Contingency Fund Request** *Please provide the Council Contingency Fund Biennial Budget Document if this request is for the use of this fund.

Does the request require some other type of funding? ☐ One-time ☐ Ongoing

In you have a question related to the Council Consideration Request, please contact Melanie Harding at 253-591-5156 or Melanie.Harding@cityoftacoma.org.

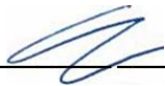
SUBMITTED FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION BY:



Mayor Woodards

SUPPORTING COUNCILMEMBERS SIGNATURES (2 SIGNATURES ONLY)

(Signatures demonstrate support to initiate discussion and consideration of the subject matter by City Council for potential policy development and staff guidance/direction.)

1. 

POS # Deputy Mayor

2. 

POS# 3

3. 

POS# 4