

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA, RECOGNIZING AND  
CELEBRATING SEPTEMBER 23, 2016, AS NATIVE  
AMERICAN DAY IN THE CITY OF PALM SPRINGS.

**WHEREAS**, as the first people to live on the land we cherish as Palm Springs, the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians deeply shaped our city's character and cultural heritage. The Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians has called the Palm Springs area home since time immemorial. Today, the Tribe is steward to more than 31,500 acres of Reservation land including a protected bighorn sheep habitat. The Agua Caliente Indian Reservation, established in 1876 and expanded in 1877, crosses over city and county jurisdictions including the City of Palm Springs, the City of Rancho Mirage, Cathedral City and areas of unincorporated Riverside County;

**WHEREAS**, today, we celebrate and honor the many ways the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians has enriched our city, and we renew our commitment to respecting the Tribe's identity while ensuring an enduring government-to-government relationship;

**WHEREAS**, on July 26, 1977, the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians and the City of Palm Springs entered into a historic land-use agreement between a Federally recognized Indian Tribe and a municipality that recognizes the Tribe's sovereign land-use authority over its lands and provides for the City to act as the Tribe's agent for land use processing and permitting of trust lands;

**WHEREAS**, the city administration acknowledges that the Tribe is a sovereign nation within a nation, and we are proud to share City and Reservation boundaries that overlap each other as part of the Agua Caliente Indian Reservation's checker-board nature;

**WHEREAS**, in 1968, California Gov. Ronald Reagan signed a resolution calling for a holiday called "American Indian Day," to be held the fourth Friday in September. Later, in 1998, the California Assembly passed AB1953, which made Native American Day an official state holiday. The purpose of this holiday is to educate California residents and visitors about tribal cultures, history and heritage of our state's tribes;

**WHEREAS**, as we celebrate California's Native American Day on Friday September 23, 2016, we also celebrate and recognize the contributions of the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians to the City of Palm Springs.

**NOW, THEREFORE THE CITY COUNCIL DETERMINES, RESOLVES AND APPROVES AS FOLLOWS:**

SECTION 1. That the City of Palm Springs recognize the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians for its history, culture and forward-thinking government and recognize

the first ever Native American Day in Palm Springs; and the City Council calls upon all residents of the City of Palm Springs to celebrate September 23, 2016 as Native American Day in Palm Springs.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THE PALM SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL THIS 21<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2016.

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DAVID H. READY, CITY MANAGER

ATTEST:

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JAMES THOMPSON, CITY CLERK

CERTIFICATION

STATE OF CALIFORNIA )  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE ) ss.  
CITY OF PALM SPRINGS )

I, JAMES THOMPSON, City Clerk of the City of Palm Springs, hereby certify that Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_ is a full, true and correct copy, and was duly adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Palm Springs on September 21, 2016, by the following vote:

AYES:  
NOES:  
ABSENT:  
ABSTAIN:

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JAMES THOMPSON, CITY CLERK  
City of Palm Springs, California