

On Nov 13, 2024, at 5:59 PM, Troy Abromaitis wrote:

Dear City of Mission Proclamations Team,

I am writing to propose the establishment of Indigenous Survivors Day on June 30, 2025, a day that would reflect Mission's commitment to reconciliation, inclusivity, and healing. This observance honors the resilience of Indigenous communities and acknowledges the impacts of colonial policies, including the Sixties Scoop, Millennium Scoop, birth alerts, and other practices that disrupted Indigenous families and communities.

Indigenous Survivors Day provides Mission a meaningful opportunity to recognize the strength and courage of Indigenous survivors who have endured historical traumas and continue to face ongoing challenges. By designating June 30 as Indigenous Survivors Day, Mission can play a vital role in raising awareness, fostering healing, and encouraging education and dialogue that deepen respect for Indigenous resilience and cultural heritage.

Adopting Indigenous Survivors Day would be a significant step in Mission's journey toward reconciliation and inclusivity. I respectfully request your support in considering this proposal so we can collectively demonstrate Mission's solidarity with Indigenous communities and commitment to justice, equality, and respect.

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to your positive response.

Sincerely,
Troy Abromaitis
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Proclamation Statement:

Whereas Mission City Council acknowledges the historical injustices endured by Indigenous peoples through colonial policies, including the Sixties Scoop, Millennium Scoop, birth alerts, and other practices that disrupted Indigenous families and communities;

Whereas Indigenous Survivors Day on June 30 provides an opportunity to honor the resilience, strength, and cultural heritage of Indigenous communities who have persevered through family separation, forced assimilation, and systemic discrimination;

Whereas this observance creates a platform for healing, education, and dialogue, raising awareness of Indigenous challenges and celebrating resilience;

Therefore, by establishing Indigenous Survivors Day on June 30, Mission City Council affirms its commitment to honoring Indigenous survivors, promoting healing, and fostering an inclusive and equitable community.