

**CELEBRATE INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY  
ON OCTOBER 12**

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-02

**WHEREAS,** Columbus Day is currently celebrated on October 12 to bring recognition to Columbus' arrival to the Americas in 1492; and

**WHEREAS,** it is disrespectful to Native governments to celebrate an individual that contributed to the genocide of Native American people and the continued celebration masks the treatment of Indigenous people during the colonial period; and

**WHEREAS,** as a people, the Indigenous groups and governments have endured disease, and genocide by the colonial governments; and

**WHEREAS,** the courageous strength by Indigenous peoples to continue as modern day governments with self-determining powers should be celebrated by all.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tanana Chiefs Conference region shall celebrate Indigenous People's Day on October 12, the day America celebrates Columbus, as a way to oppose the celebration of Columbus's ill treatment towards Native people and to also celebrate the courageous strength by Indigenous peoples to continue as modern day governments with self-determining powers.

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that this resolution was duly passed by the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors on March 19, 2015 at Fairbanks, Alaska and a quorum was duly



PJ Simon  
*Secretary/Treasurer*



Submitted by: McGrath Tribal Council