



PROCLAMATION

DESIGNATING OCTOBER 12, 2020 AS INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY

WHEREAS, the Indigenous Peoples of the lands (later known as the Americas) have lived on these lands since time immemorial; and,

WHEREAS, the Chicagoland area was once inhabited by indigenous people including the Ojibwa, Chippewa, Menominee, Potawatomi nations and more; and,

WHEREAS, Indigenous Peoples' Day was first proposed in 1977 by a delegation of Native Nations to the United Nations sponsored International Conference on Discrimination Against Indigenous Populations in the Americas; and,

WHEREAS, the Village of River Forest is committed to protecting and advocating for justice, human rights, and the dignity of all people who live, work and visit in River Forest, and to supporting the principles contained in the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (the "Declaration") endorsed by the United States on December 16, 2010; and,

WHEREAS, this Proclamation recognizes the right of Indigenous Peoples "to the dignity and diversity of their cultures, traditions, histories and aspirations which shall be appropriately reflected in education and public information," and places an obligation on States to "take effective measures, in consultation and cooperation with the Indigenous Peoples concerned, to combat prejudice and eliminate discrimination and to promote tolerance, understanding and good relations among Indigenous Peoples and all other segments of society"; and,

WHEREAS, October 12, 2020 is established as Indigenous Peoples' Day as an opportunity for the community to reflect on the ongoing struggles of Indigenous People of this land, to celebrate the thriving cultures and values of the Indigenous Peoples of our region, and to stand in solidarity with Indigenous Peoples everywhere; and,

WHEREAS, this Proclamation encourages businesses, organizations and public institutions to recognize October 12, 2020 as Indigenous Peoples' Day in the Village of River Forest.

THEREFORE, I, Catherine M. Adduci, President of the Village Board of Trustees of River Forest, do hereby proclaim October 12, 2020 as Indigenous Peoples' Day in the Village of River Forest, and encourage all residents, businesses, organizations and public institutions to acknowledge, honor, value and celebrate Indigenous Peoples' historic and current contributions locally and beyond, while also recognizing the ongoing and interconnected struggles of all Indigenous communities locally and beyond.

IN WITNESS, THEREOF, I have hereto set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the seal of the Village of River Forest, this 12th day of October 2020.

By:

Catherine M. Adduci, President
Village of River Forest