



RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY

WHEREAS, The Town of Belville values the many contributions made to our community through Indigenous Peoples' knowledge, labor, science, philosophy, arts, culture and technology; and

WHEREAS, indigenous people already occupied land which later became known as the Americas; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Belville seeks to combat cultural prejudice, to eliminate racial discrimination and to promote awareness, understanding and good relations among Indigenous People and all other segments of our community; and

WHEREAS, the Belville Board of Commissioners recognizes the second Monday of October as Indigenous Peoples' Day by adopting previous resolutions consistent with the US Declaration of Independence for all people, including those who descend from Indigenous Peoples, and desire to uphold policies and practices that ensure equal access to opportunity, and their rights to pursue life, liberty and happiness in America; and

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

WHEREAS, the state of North Carolina recognizes the fact that our state is built upon lands first inhabited by Indigenous People of this region; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Belville recognizes that the Cape Fear Band of Skarure and Woccon, known as the Cape Fear Indians inhabited the areas of Brunswick County and the Cape Fear region; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Belville Board of Commissioners hereby declares the second Monday in October, which will be celebrated this year on October 12, 2026, as "Indigenous Peoples' Day" to celebrate and honor indigenous peoples and their shared history and culture.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Town of Belville recognizes its responsibility to honor the Nation's indigenous roots, history, traditions, and cultural contributions to the United States of America, and strongly encourage businesses and organizations to celebrate Indigenous Peoples' Day, reaffirming our commitment to demonstrating appreciation of North Carolina's first people.

Resolved this 29th day of September 2026.

Signed:

Charles Bost, Mayor

Attest:

Sharon A. Niemann, Town Clerk

