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3 **2023 RES-239**

4 **Celebrating Indigenous Peoples' Day as an Official County Holiday**

5 There are 11 federally recognized tribes in Wisconsin and the land that would later become  
6 known as Dane County is located on the ancestral and traditional lands of the Ho-Chunk, Sauk,  
7 and Kickapoo nations.

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9 These Indigenous people and cultures were disrupted, violated, and destroyed, as much of  
10 Dane County and its institutions were built directly upon the original homelands, villages, and  
11 sacred sites of the Indigenous peoples of this region.

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13 Dane County 2023 RES-172 officially acknowledged October 9, 2023 as Indigenous Peoples'  
14 Day in order to remember historical truths about the atrocities and oppression suffered by  
15 indigenous peoples, acknowledge the County's responsibility, to celebrate the culture and  
16 contributions of indigenous peoples, and commit the County to opposing systemic racism  
17 against indigenous people.

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19 2019 Wisconsin Executive Order #50 annually designates the Second Monday in October as  
20 Indigenous Peoples' day and encouraged local governments to celebrate and recognize  
21 indigenous peoples.

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23 2023 OA-065 has been introduced to establish the second Monday in October as Indigenous  
24 Peoples' Day and makes Indigenous Peoples' Day an official Dane County Holiday.

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26 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the County Board encourages Employees to use this  
27 proposed holiday to celebrate and recognize indigenous people and work to make the planet a  
28 more welcoming place.