

Wisconsin Conservation Voters: Indigenous Peoples Day

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MADISON - Today we stand together with Wisconsin's Native communities and celebrate Indigenous Peoples Day.

In 2019, Gov. Tony Evers issued an Executive Order declaring the second Monday in October Indigenous Peoples Day in Wisconsin. The order "recognizes the immense importance of the Native Nations to this state, and reaffirms the Native Nations sovereignty, culture, and history."

Executive Director Kerry Schumann had this to say about the day:

"Indigenous Peoples Day is a celebration of the continuance - the survival in spite of cultural suppression and colonialism - and resiliency of Indigenous Peoples. Today - and every day - we celebrate the strength and resiliency of Native traditions, cultural practices, and artistic expressions. Native people in Wisconsin have long been its most powerful advocates, dedicated to its water, air, and land. We offer our gratitude and our support to all of Wisconsin's Native communities and are committed to following their lead by working and advocating not just for today, but for generations yet to come."