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Following the lead of Seattle and Minneapolis, the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe will be the first city and Tribe in Michigan to officially acknowledge Indigenous People's Day on the second Monday of October, the same day Columbus Day is recognized by the Federal Government. Seattle and Minneapolis have redesignated Indigenous Peoples Day as an official holiday instead of Columbus Day.

On Sept. 10, 2014, Tribal Council passed Resolution 14-152 which states the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe officially recognizes Indigenous People's Day on the second Monday of October and "urges the City of Mount Pleasant to officially recognize it as well, along with celebrating the thriving culture of indigenous peoples and to encourage other businesses, organizations and public entities and support celebration among the broader community."

The Mount Pleasant City Commission, on behalf of Mayor Tillman, is invited to a reception at the City Commission Chambers on Monday, Oct. 13 located at 320 West Broadway, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan, at 6:30 p.m. where a proclamation will be presented to Tribal Sub-Chief Lorna Kahgegab Call. Tribal and community members are encouraged to attend.

Columbus Day has been officially recognized as a federal holiday since 1937. Tribal Chief Steven Pego states, "I am proud of my Tribe for taking a stand to acknowledge and recognize a day for indigenous people."

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