

## *The Offices of the Mayor and Council President*

*A Proclamation Declaring the Second Monday in October as Indigenous Peoples' Day  
in  
The Borough of Collegeville, Pennsylvania*

*WHEREAS* The Borough of Collegeville believes that the cultures of the Indigenous Peoples of the Americas are worthy of being promoted, that the history is rich, diverse, and worthy of celebration, and that the actions and policies of European colonizers of the America's destroyed a part of those cultures, and inhibited the promulgation of it for generations to come; and,

*WHEREAS*, The Borough of Collegeville recognizes that the Indigenous Peoples of the lands that would later become known as the Americas have occupied these lands since time immemorial, and the borough recognizes the fact that Collegeville is built upon the land of Lenapehoking, the ancestral and spiritual homelands of the following five nations: Delaware Tribe of Indians, Delaware Nation, Eelūnaapèewii Lahkèewiit (Delaware Nation at Moraviantown), Stockbridge-Munsee Community, and Munsee-Delaware Nation (Ontario) and

*WHEREAS*, the Borough of Collegeville has a responsibility to oppose the systemic racism towards Indigenous People in the United States, which perpetuates high rates of poverty and income equality, exacerbating disproportionate negative health, education, and social crises; and

*WHEREAS*, is fitting and proper that the Borough of Collegeville commemorate Indigenous Peoples Day in recognition of the position of Indigenous Peoples as native to these lands, and the suffering they faced following European conquest of their land.

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED*, that we, Aidsand F. Wright-Riggins, Mayor of Collegeville Borough and Catherine Kernan, President of the Borough Council of Collegeville, do hereby proclaim the second Monday in October as

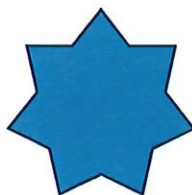
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### *Indigenous People's Day*

*in Collegeville, PA, and we encourage businesses, organizations, and public institutions to recognize and observe Indigenous Peoples' Day. The Borough encourages all individuals to observe this important day and reflect upon the ongoing struggles of Indigenous Peoples on this land and celebrate the thriving culture and value that Indigenous Peoples add to our communities.*

*We have hereunto set our hand on this 9<sup>th</sup> Day of October 2023*

*Aidsand F. Wright-Riggins  
Mayor, Collegeville Borough.*



*Catherine Kernan  
President, Collegeville Borough Council*