

**PROCLAMATION
"INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY"**

WHEREAS, the State of Alabama has proclaimed the second Monday of October as "American Indian Heritage Day," referred to through a national initiative as "Indigenous People's Day," to honor the contributions, traditions, and culture of Alabama's Native and Indigenous people; and

WHEREAS, the education and engagement of our youth regarding Native and Indigenous People's history, culture, and traditions is of critical importance to the strengthening of our state and local communities; and

WHEREAS, the idea of Indigenous People's Day was first proposed in 1977 by a delegation of native nations to the United Nation-sponsored International Conference on discrimination Against Indigenous Population in the America's; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tuscumbia recognizes that the indigenous People of the land that would later become known as the Americas, have occupied these lands since time immemorial; and

WHEREAS, the city recognizes that Tuscumbia is built upon the homelands, villages, and burial grounds of the Indigenous People of this region, without whom the building of the City would not have been possible; and

WHEREAS, the city values the contributions made to our community through Indigenous People's knowledge, labor, technology, science, medicine, philosophy, and arts recognizes that they have substantially shaped the character of the City of Tuscumbia; and

WHEREAS, the Shoals area is rich with Native American traditions and has several annual Native/Indigenous events and cultural sites which are on international interest;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Mayor and City Council of the city of Tuscumbia, Alabama, do hereby proclaim the Second Monday of October as Indigenous People's Day in the city.

Kerry Underwood, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
JoAnn Armstead, City Clerk