Greetings,

The SBCTC Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion committee stands in solidarity with the Tribes, Nations, states, cities, organizations, and individuals celebrating today as Indigenous Peoples’ day. Illuminative has put together An Advocate’s Guide to Supporting Indigenous Peoples’ Day. This guide explains:

Indigenous Peoples’ Day is a holiday celebrated on the second Monday of October in the United States, in lieu of Columbus Day. Indigenous Peoples’ Day, at its core, aims to celebrate and honor the past, present, and futures of Native peoples throughout the United States and acknowledges the legacy of colonialism, which has devastated Indigenous communities historically and continues to negatively impact them today. More importantly, however, Indigenous Peoples’ Day moves beyond the narrative of oppression and honors the histories, cultures, contributions, and resilience of contemporary Native peoples.

We encourage you to join us in our efforts to learn more about the indigenous people of this land, not just today but every day. To help you get started, we have compiled a few resources for your review and reflection. While this list is incomplete, we encourage you to dig into the specific history of the people and land upon which you reside today.

- Rethinking How We Celebrate American History—Indigenous Peoples’ Day
- Governor’s Office of Indian Affairs (GOIA) WA-State Government to Government Training
- Hibulb Cultural Center and Natural History Preserve
- Squaxin Island Museum
- Nisqually Indian Tribe Heritage and Culture
- Olympia honors Indigenous Peoples’ Day (2015 Olympian article)

As we reflect on the cultural climate of our Agency (SBCTC), it is always a good day when people strive to increase their knowledge and understanding of the cultures of the Americas; many of which are tied so closely to traditions and practices of the Indigenous people of the Americas.

People have walked these lands since time immemorial. We know that and we must honor the richness of history in this land and its people.

Humbly,

The SBCTC DEI Committee