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## Supervisor Weishan Celebrates Contributions of Wisconsin Tribes on Indigenous Peoples' Day

MILWAUKEE – Today, Monday, Oct. 11, marks Indigenous Peoples' Day, which honors and celebrates the history and culture of Indigenous communities in the United States. Wisconsin is home to members of 11 federally recognized tribes.

*"Indigenous Peoples have contributed so much to Milwaukee County and the State of Wisconsin," said Supervisor John F. Weishan, Jr. "This Indigenous Peoples' Day, I would like to give a special thank you to the parents, students, and faculty of the Indian Community School in Franklin for their work to make today an official holiday."*

President Joseph R. Biden [proclaimed](#) today Indigenous Peoples' Day, becoming the first U.S. President to formally recognize the day.

Governor Tony Evers today signed [Executive Order #136](#), which issues a formal acknowledgement and apology for Wisconsin's role in Indian boarding schools.

The idea of Indigenous Peoples' Day was first proposed in 1977 by a delegation of native nations to the United Nations-sponsored International Conference on Discrimination Against Indigenous Populations in the Americas.

Supervisor Weishan authored a [resolution](#) in 2016 recognizing the second Monday of October every year as Indigenous Peoples' Day.

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