

1 **RESOLUTION NO. 21-26**

2 **A resolution of the Lyon County Board of Commissioners recognizing the Second Monday of**
3 **October as Indigenous Peoples Day**

4 ***WHEREAS***, the Lyon County Board of Commissioners recognizes that the Indigenous
5 People of thelands that would later become known as the Americas have occupied these
6 lands since time immemorial; and

7 ***WHEREAS***, the Lyon County Board of Commissioners recognizes the fact that Lyon
8 County is built upon the homelands and villages of the Indigenous Peoples’ of this region,
9 withoutwhom the building of the County would not be possible; and

10 ***WHEREAS***, the Lyon County Board of Commissioners recognizes the value of many
11 contributions made to our community through Indigenous Peoples’ knowledge, labor,
12 spirituality,technology, science, philosophy, arts and the deep cultural contribution that
13 substantially shaped the character of Lyon County; and

14 ***WHEREAS***, the Lyon County Board of Commissioners has a responsibility to oppose the
15 systematicracism towards Indigenous Peoples in the United States, which perpetuates high
16 rates of poverty and income inequality, exacerbates disproportionate health, education, and
17 social stability; and

18 ***WHEREAS***, the Lyon County Board of Commissioners promotes the closing of the
19 equity gap forIndigenous Peoples through policies and practices that reflect the
20 experiences of Indigenous Peoples, ensuring greater access and opportunity, and
21 honoring our nation’s Indigenous history and contributions; and

22 ***WHEREAS***, Indigenous Peoples’ Day was first proposed in 1977 by a delegation of Native
23 Nations to the United Nations sponsored InternationalConference on Discrimination
24 against Indigenous Populations in the Americas; and

25 ***WHEREAS***, the United States endorsed the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of
26 Indigenous Peoples (the “Declaration”) on December 16,2010 and the Declaration
27 recognizes that “indigenous peoples have suffered from historic injustices as a result of,
28 inter alia, their colonizationand dispossession of their lands, territories and resources”; and

WHEREAS, Article 15 of the Declaration recognizes the right of indigenous peoples “to
the dignity and diversity of their cultures, traditions, histories and aspirations which shall
be appropriately reflected in education and public information” and places an obligation on
States to “take effective measures, in consultation and cooperation with the indigenous
peoples concerned, to combat prejudice and eliminate discrimination and to promote
tolerance, understanding and good relationsamong indigenous peoples and all other
segments of society”; and

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NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Lyon County Board of Commissioners shall recognize Indigenous Peoples’ Day on the second Monday in October; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Lyon County Board of Commissioners shall continue its efforts to promote the prosperity and well-being of the Lyon County American Indian, Alaska native, and Indigenous community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Indigenous Peoples’ Day shall be used to reflect upon the ongoing struggles of Indigenous People on this land, and to celebrate the thriving culture and value that Indigenous Peoples add to our County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Lyon County Board of Commissioners encourages other businesses, organizations, and public institutions to recognize IndigenousPeople’s Day.

PASSED, ADOPTED and APPROVED this 7th day of **October, 2021** by the following vote of the Lyon County Board of Commissioners.

AYES:

NAYES:

ABSENT:

ABSTENTIONS:

LYON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

By: Chairman

Attest:

Clerk of the Board