

# Stockbridge-Munsee Community

BAND OF MOHICAN INDIANS

TRIBAL COUNCIL OFFICES

## Proclamation

December 6, 2016

**WHEREAS,** the Stockbridge-Munsee Community, Band of Mohican Indians, ("Tribe") is a federally recognized Indian tribe and the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Council is the recognized governmental body of the Tribe; and

**WHEREAS,** the land now known as the Stockbridge-Bridge Munsee Reservation has been home to the Stockbridge-Munsee citizens for over 75 years and without whom, building of this community would not have been possible; and

**WHEREAS,** the second Monday in October has been celebrated since 1980 as "This Land is our Land Day", to commemorate the transfer of the Farm Security Act (FSA) lands to the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribe in 1972, and

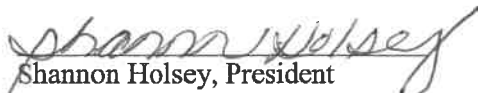
**WHEREAS,** Citizens of Stockbridge-Munsee have made essential contributions to the landscape of this land, including traditional knowledge, experience, labor, technology, science, philosophy, industry, arts, as well as their cultural belief system that stipulates Indigenous Peoples as protectors and stewards of our natural environment for the benefit of all; and

**WHEREAS,** the Stockbridge-Munsee Community strives to eliminate systemic racism towards Indigenous Peoples and seeks to promote practices and policies that honor the Communities of Indigenous Peoples, to ensure greater success and opportunity; and

**WHEREAS,** the Stockbridge-Munsee Community joins a growing number of government entities across the country that have recognized the second Monday of October as Indigenous Peoples Day. In order to promote appreciation, tolerance, reconciliation, understanding, friendship, and continued partnerships among all Indigenous Peoples of this land.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED,** that the Stockbridge-Munsee Community does hereby recognize the second Monday of October as

**INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY**

  
Shannon Holsey, President  
Stockbridge-Munsee Community