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1st Annual Indigenous Peoples' Day Celebration

MANITOU SPRINGS CO – Representatives from the City of Manitou Springs, Southern Cheyenne Nation, Lakota Dakota Cahuilla Nation, and Manitou Pollinators Council will be gathering in Mansions Park on Sunday, October 10th from 12PM-2PM for Manitou Springs' first annual Indigenous Peoples' Day.

A blessing of the area, speeches, a letter of forgiveness, gift exchanging, and traditional drumming and honor songs will all be a part of this celebration. We encourage any and all interested individuals to bear witness in silence during this event, as it truly is a historic moment in Manitou Springs' history.

We are asking that all in attendance:

1. Bear witness in silence and respect which is considered the appropriate way to honor Elders and the Traditional Peoples.
2. Not bring drums to drum/sing along during the honoring ceremony from 12PM-2PM. Mayor Graham was given permission to join in afterwards with drumming and singing.
3. This is not a vending event to make money by selling goods therefore no one is allowed to set up a booth, etc. They will be asked to leave.
4. Not ask to share their personal stories. This day is for the Traditional Indigenous Peoples, the Mayor, and City Council. We only have 1 hour to complete speeches.
5. Not pass the hat to raise money for the Tribes.
6. Photo taking will need to take place outside of the Sacred Circle and with permission of each tribal representative.

We are asking that the press:

1. **Ask permission from each tribal representative to record the ceremonies.**
2. **Do not record or take photos from inside the Sacred Circle.**

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