RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MOUNTAIN VILLAGE, COLORADO, SUPPORTING INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY ON OCTOBER 8, 2016

RESOLUTION NO. 2016–0922-13

RECITALS:

- **WHEREAS**, by Sept. 7, 1881, the Uncompanding Band of the Ute Nation had been removed by the U.S. Army from their lands on Colorado's Western Slope, including encampments in the San Miguel River basin areas of what is now San Miguel County; and
- **WHEREAS**, the Uncompandere Utes were relocated to Utah, and made part of the Ute Indian Tribe on the Uintah and Ouray Reservation; and
- **WHEREAS**, a year after the Ute removal in the fall of 1882, San Miguel County was split off from Ouray County and was made its own political subdivision of the newly-formed State of Colorado (1876); and
- **WHEREAS**, on April 23, 2014, San Miguel County passed a formal government-to-government apology for the forced removal of the Uncompanier Utes from lands within San Miguel County; and
- **WHEREAS**, that apology was accepted by the Ute Indian Tribe in Fort Duchesne, Utah, in February of 2015; and
- WHEREAS, San Miguel County is hoping to continue a process of reconciliation by holding an Indigenous Peoples Day on October 8, 2016; and
- WHEREAS, the Town of Mountain Village desires to act as a sponsor of Indigenous Peoples Day by offering financial support thereto in the form of a cash donation or in-kind services, or both; and
- **WHEREAS**, the Town of Mountain Village was incorporated in San Miguel County in 1995; and
- WHEREAS, the Town of Mountain Village commissioned and dedicated a statue and plaque to the Telluride Mountain Ute ("Wind Spirit") with honor and respect to the history of the Ute people and embracing the future with inspiration and hope in Heritage Plaza in the Village Center of the Town of Mountain Village;
- **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Town of Mountain Village welcomes Ute representatives from the three Ute tribes in the region and hopes that this

day of healing and education can help our citizens better understand the history of this place and help develop better relations among the Ute tribes and our local governments; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town of Mountain Village shall be financially responsible for one-third of the costs associated with hosting Indigenous Peoples Day, either in the form of a cash donation or in-kind services, or both, in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the Town Council of the Town of Mountain Village, Colorado, at a regular meeting held on the 22nd day of September, 2016.

SEAT

TOWN OF MOUNTAIN VILLAGE, COLORADO, a home rule municipality

By:

Dan Jansen, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: Jackie Kennefick, Town Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By:___

Jim Mahoney, Assistant Town Attorney