

PROCLAMATION

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS

CITY HALL: August 27, 1994

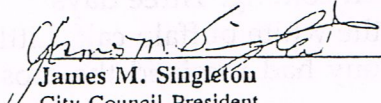
WHEREAS, the history and cultural rituals of the Mardi Gras Indians have origins which stem from the underground railroad era, when slaves escaping from bondage were given shelter and safe passage by Native American Indians; and

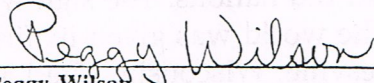
WHEREAS, the Mardi Gras Indians have received a hawk feather, symbolic of a messenger from the Native American Indians which will be joined by a pair of cow buffalo horns symbolizing an answer to a prayer, a prayer stick with a raven's feathers and claws symbolizing a powerful magic, an eagle's feathers symbolizing a great spirit, and a hummingbird's feathers representing illustrious color and beauty, which shall all be incorporated into a ceremonial headdress named "The Peacekeeper", symbolizing the union of Native American Indian medicine and Mardi Gras Indian medicine, to be shared and beautified by all the Mardi Gras Indian tribes on a revolving monthly basis, and a daily basis during the fortnight of the Mardi Gras Celebration; and

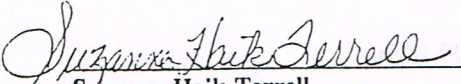
WHEREAS, the Pipe Carrier of the Lakota tribe of the Sioux nation, Kam Nightchase has had a vision of a lost tribe, and after watching Big Chief "Tootie" Montana of the Yellow Pochontas sing "Indian Red" detailing how the Native American Indians were the first people to treat the black slaves as human beings and not savages during a documentary on the National Geographic Explorer television series, and a Mardi Gras Indian princess perform a turkey stomp dance step which is practiced by Plains Indians, Nightchase sees the ceremony as the answer to the 100 year prayer of a coming together of the Native American Indians and the Mardi Gras Indians with mutual respect, honor and brotherhood; now, therefore

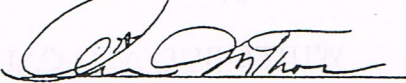
BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS,
That this Council proudly welcomes all the Native American Indians and all the Mardi Gras Indians and proudly recognizes:

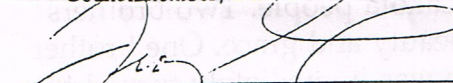
Sacred Medicine Circle at High Noon in Armstrong Park Saturday, August 27, 1994

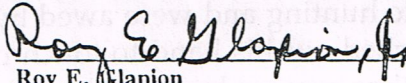

James M. Singleton
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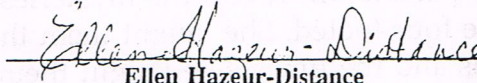

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