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## Indigenous Peoples' Day 2022: Unity in Community

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Burke Park on Peets Hill, Bozeman, MT

Mountain Time Arts (MTA) is pleased to present **Indigenous Peoples' Day 2022: Unity in Community**, in partnership with the City of Bozeman and Indigenous Peoples' Day Montana.

On October 10, 2022, leaders across the Bozeman community including Mountain Time Arts, City of Bozeman, Montana State University and Extreme History Project will gather to celebrate Indigenous Peoples' Day on Peets Hill. The program will start at 6 p.m. with speeches and will include a performance of REMATRIATE by Patti Baldes as well as a round dance. This is a community event and everyone in Montana and beyond are welcome to attend.

"The main theme for this event is 'Unity in Community' as this is a chance for everyone to unite, get in touch with our own individual heritages, and understand each other," Francesca Pine-Rodriguez, Executive Director of Mountain Time Arts and member of the *Apsáalooke/Crow* and *Tsitsistas/Northern Cheyenne* tribes explained. "We are all indigenous people to somewhere."

During the event, Patti Baldes (Northern Arapaho/Northern Paiute) will bring her team of matriarchs and their daughters from the Wind River Reservation to bring to life buffalo sculptures made from willow branches. Last year, Mountain Time Arts recognized the holiday by installing lighted teepees on Peets Hill.

The City of Bozeman will also read the ordinance that established the day as Indigenous Peoples' Day. This ordinance was approved this past summer to officially designate the second Monday in October as a city holiday in recognition of Indigenous Peoples' Day. Since 2016, the day has been recognized through mayoral proclamations.

"The City of Bozeman is proud to stand beside the Native American community in this effort and recognizes that we have a unique opportunity to use this holiday to come together as a community. We hope everyone can attend," Mayor Cyndy Andrus stated.

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