

Proclamation  
National Native American Heritage Month

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**WHEREAS**, Native American Awareness Week began in 1976 and recognition was expanded by President George H.W. Bush in August 1990, designating the month of November as National American Indian Heritage Month; and

**WHEREAS**, Native Americans are descendants of the original, indigenous inhabitants of what is now the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, as the First Americans, Native Americans have helped shape our nation at every point since before its founding including being the inspiration for the ideals of self-governance and determination that are the framework of the government; and

**WHEREAS**, we are aware of the historical importance of local and national tribes and the way Native Americans continue to enrich our heritage and add to all aspects of our society by sharing their customs and traditions; and

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**WHEREAS**, Native Americans stand among America's most distinguished authors; artists scientists; and political leaders; and in their accomplishments, they have profoundly strengthened the legacy we will leave our children; and

**WHEREAS**, we honor our native people, their ancestral homes, their religion, and recognize their contributions historically, today, and in the future of our community.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Donna Johnson, Village President of Libertyville, Illinois, proclaim the month of November as National Native American Heritage month and call upon all people of Libertyville, Illinois, to celebrate the rich cultures of indigenous people, honor their sacrifices, acknowledge the unique challenges Native Americans face, historically and present and celebrate this month with appropriate programs and activities.

Dated this 25<sup>th</sup> day of October 2022.

  
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