

City of Brisbane

PROCLAMATION

PROCLAIMING NOVEMBER 2025 AS NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

Whereas, for thousands of years, long before Europeans settled in North America, the ancestors of Native Americans were the original, indigenous inhabitants, explorers, and settlers of the lands that have since become the United States; and

Whereas, it is impossible to fully understand the history of California without understanding the history of the indigenous people; and

Whereas, California is home to more people of Native American heritage than any other state in the country; and

Whereas, there are more than 100 federally recognized Indian tribes in California; and

Whereas, the Ohlone, a band of distinct groups of indigenous people who spoke similar languages, thrived in the land now known as Brisbane, San Mateo County, and other parts of the San Francisco Bay Area; and

Whereas, the Ramaytush are part of the larger group of the Ohlone/Costanoan peoples who lived in San Mateo County and Brisbane in ten small tribal groups and who, prior to the arrival of the Spanish in 1769, numbered approximately 1,500 persons; and

Whereas, due to devastating policies and practices of European explorers and missionaries, settlers, and various levels of government, the Ohlone lost most of their population and land; and
Whereas, National Native American Heritage Month provides Brisbane the opportunity to learn about the Ohlone people, their role in the history of the county and the Bay Area, and their efforts to keep their culture alive;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Brisbane City Council hereby proclaim November 2025 as Native American Heritage Month and to encourage all residents to share the history of the indigenous peoples of California, including the Ohlone of San Mateo County.

DATED this 6th day of November 2025.



Cliff Lentz, Mayor

