



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Native American Heritage Month celebrates the historical and current accomplishments and contributions the peoples who were the original inhabitants and stewards of this land, long before the formation of the United States, and which are inextricably woven into the history of this country; and

WHEREAS, Colorado has been occupied since time immemorial by many diverse and established Native and Indigenous Peoples; encompasses the ancestral homelands of at least 48 tribes, including the Arapahoe, Cheyenne, and Ute peoples; and is now home to a diverse urban Native community with individuals and families from many different Tribal Nations; and

WHEREAS, Native and Indigenous Peoples in Fort Collins, as in all parts of the Americas, suffer from the legacy of colonization, broken treaties, and national policies designed to erase and marginalize their presence; and

WHEREAS, Fort Collins recognizes the resilience of Native and Indigenous Peoples despite the harms these systems and policies have caused, and greatly values the social, economic and cultural contributions they make; and

WHEREAS, the City Council unanimously passed resolution 2022-103, recognizing the Second Monday in October as Indigenous Peoples' Day, and acknowledging that we have a shared responsibility to support Native and Indigenous Peoples residing in the City of Fort Collins, and to communicate, collaborate, and coordinate with Tribal Nations that have historic interests and presence in the area.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jeni Arndt, Mayor of the City of Fort Collins, do hereby proclaim the month of November as

NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

and reaffirm our commitment to listening to, supporting, and working alongside the Native American and Indigenous community to address the needs that have been expressed. We encourage the community to join in solidarity and recognition by learning about Native American current issues, hearing Native voices, and by attending Native American Heritage Month events, starting with the American Indian Science and Engineering Society Powwow on November 5th at the Colorado State University Lory Student Center.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the City of Fort Collins this 1st of November, A.D. 2022.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk