



Native American Heritage Month

WHEREAS, the history and culture of our great nation have been significantly influenced by indigenous peoples of North America; and

WHEREAS, the contributions of the indigenous peoples of North America have enhanced the freedom, prosperity, and greatness of America today; and

WHEREAS, their customs and traditions are respected and celebrated as part of a rich legacy throughout the United States; and

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

WHEREAS, the Greeley Human Relations Commission adopted the Land Acknowledgement Statement in 2022 which recognizes that we hold meetings on the traditional lands of the Ute, Cheyenne, Arapaho and Lakota peoples, as well as all other tribes that are historically tied to the State of Colorado; and

WHEREAS, in honor of National American Indian Heritage Month, community celebrations as well as numerous cultural, artistic, educational, and historical activities have been planned.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John Gates, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Greeley, do hereby proclaim the month of November as **Native American Heritage Month** and urge all citizens to observe this month with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Greeley, Colorado, this 1st, November 2022.

John D. Gates
Mayor