PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Native American Heritage Month is recognized annually to honor Indigenous cultures, histories, traditions, art, and achievements; and

WHEREAS, in the face of broken treaties, violent displacement, and genocide, Native Americans have persevered and continued with remarkable strength, resistance, resilience, and self-determination; and

WHEREAS, Native Americans, including local Duwamish, Snoqualmie, Snohomish, Suquamish, Tulalip, and many others have been protectors and stewards of our natural resources and environment since time immemorial; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lake Forest Park values the many contributions made to society by Native people in technology, science, philosophy, the arts; and especially our local Indigenous volunteers and leaders; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lake Forest Park recognizes that we must work to combat the impacts of discrimination and racist policies on Native people, past and present, and eliminate inequities stemming from colonization.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Lake Forest Park do hereby proclaim November 2026 as

NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

and encourage all residents to learn more and support the work of Native people and organizations.

Signed this 22nd day of October 2026

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Tom French, Mayor