



City of Mercer Island, Washington

Proclamation

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

WHEREAS, during Native American Heritage Month, we celebrate the strength, perseverance, resilience, and self-determination leading to many achievements and contributions made by Native Americans in technology, science, philosophy, and the arts; and

WHEREAS, in 1990, President George H. W. Bush approved a joint resolution designating November as “National American Indian Heritage Month” and similar national proclamations have been issued yearly since; and

WHEREAS, Native Americans, including local Duwamish, Snoqualmie, Snohomish, Suquamish, Tulalip, and many others serve as stewards and protectors of Pacific Northwest natural resources and environment.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Benson Wong, Mayor of the City of Mercer Island, do hereby proclaim the month of November 2020 as

NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

in the City of Mercer Island and urge all citizens to continue to learn more about, celebrate, and support Native people and our diverse heritage and culture.



APPROVED, this 17th day of November 2020

Mayor Benson Wong

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