

Proclamation

Recognizing Native American Heritage Month

WHEREAS, the history and culture of our nation has been significantly influenced by Native Americans and indigenous peoples; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tualatin recognizes the unique and enduring relationship that exists between indigenous peoples and their traditional territories, and the area currently known as Washington County, Oregon rests on land that was first inhabited by the Atfalati Kalapuyans, also called the Tualatin people, who flourished here for thousands of years; and

WHEREAS, Oregon is home to nine federally-recognized tribal nations, including the Burns Paiute, the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians; Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde; Confederated Tribes of Siletz, Confederated Tribes of Umatilla Reservation, Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Indians, Coquille Indian Tribe, and the Klamath Tribes; and

WHEREAS, equity is a priority for the City of Tualatin and ensuring that Native Americans are front and center in our efforts to improve opportunities and outcomes for Native American families, communities, and businesses; and

WHEREAS, meaningful engagement centers the lived experiences of Native Americans in Oregon so as to provide equitable access to the City's services, and development, infrastructure, and program investments; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tualatin is committed to engaging with tribal nations and tribal communities to build relationships and address issues affecting their well-being; and

WHEREAS, during the month of November, we honor the Native peoples in this, their ancestral homes, and recognize their continued contribution to all areas of community and family life, arts, and culture.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TUALATIN, Oregon that November 2023 is Native American Heritage Month

INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED this 13th day of November 2023.

CITY OF TUALATIN, OREGON

BY _____

Mayor

ATTEST:

BY _____

City Recorder