

National American Heritage Proclamation

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

WHEREAS, the contributions of Native Americans 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 Friday after Thanksgiving was established by Congress as Native American Heritage Day in 2009 and approved by President Barack Obama on June 26, 2009 and, designating the month of November, as National American Heritage Month; and

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

NOW THEREFORE, I, Julie Fitzgerald, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Wilsonville do hereby proclaim November as the National American Heritage Month, in Wilsonville, and urge all our citizens to observe this month with appropriate programs, ceremonies and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Wilsonville to be affixed this 18th day of November 2024.

Julie Fitzgerald, Mayor