

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the history and culture of our Nation have been significantly influenced by American Indians and indigenous peoples; and

WHEREAS, the contributions of American Indians and Alaska Natives 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 entire month of November as National American Indian Heritage Month; 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; and

WHEREAS, it is important to recognize the contributions of American Indians and Alaska Natives who serve in the Armed Forces at five times the national average; and

WHEREAS, this observance is also a time to acknowledge the many American Indians and Alaska Natives who are members of federal, state, local, and tribal law enforcement and who sacrifice their safety for the security of all;


NOW, THEREFORE, I, David Tarter, Mayor of the City of Falls Church, Virginia, do hereby proclaim the month of November 2021 as

NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

in the City of Falls Church, and ask all residents to observe this month with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the Seal of the City of Falls Church, Virginia to be affixed this 8th day of November, 2021.




David Tarter, Mayor