

**SUBJECT: PROCLAMATION – NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH
2024**

DATE: NOVEMBER 19, 2024

PRESENTED BY: CITY MANAGER’S OFFICE

SUMMARY:

Each year, Native American Heritage Month is observed during the month of November. This observance celebrates the people, cultures, achievements, contributions and sacrifices of Indigenous Americans.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None

RECOMMENDATION:

Proclaim November 2024 as Native American Heritage Month

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Native American Heritage Month Proclamation 2024



NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH 2024 PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, observed during the month of November, Native American Heritage Month celebrates the people, cultures, achievements, contributions and sacrifices of Indigenous Americans; and

WHEREAS, the observance began in 1976 as Native American Awareness week which was expanded in 1990 by President George H.W. Bush to a month-long celebration; and

WHEREAS, for centuries this land was home to the Ute, Arapahoe and Cheyenne Peoples and we acknowledge that Louisville has benefited from the forced removal and violence done to these people; and

WHEREAS, we recognize the continued importance of Indigenous People as stewards of the land, as well as their contributions to science, the arts, public service and more; and

WHEREAS, we value inclusivity, racial equality and our shared responsibility to honor Native American history, traditions and cultural, and recognize the forced loss of their lands and identities; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Louisville does hereby proclaim November 2024, as Native American Heritage Month.

DATED this 19th day of November, 2024

Christopher M. Leh, Mayor

ATTEST:

Genny Kline, Interim City Clerk