

# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, Native American Indian Heritage Month began as American Indian Day in 1916, 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 City recognizes that Native American tribes have made and continue to make invaluable contributions to the diversity, arts, knowledge, labor, technology, science, philosophy, and economy of the state of Washington, and their historical and cultural contributions, particularly those of the Puyallup Tribe of Indians, have substantially shaped the past, present, and future of the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the City recognizes and honors the fact that Tacoma is built upon the ancestral lands and villages of Indigenous Peoples of this region, and, in particular, recognizes and honors the ownership rights and land restored to the Puyallup Tribe under the Puyallup Land Claims Settlement of 1990; and

**WHEREAS**, over recent years, the City and the Puyallup Tribe have worked in cooperation to build and strengthen the relationship between the two governments through the sponsoring of Canoe Journey, the partnering efforts to raise the Pride Flag at the top of the Tacoma Dome to celebrate LGBTQ Pride month, the renaming of the "Puyallup River Bridge" to the "Fishing Wars Memorial Bridge", sharing in other cultural events and coming together in conversation regularly on issues of importance to the two jurisdictions; and

**WHEREAS**, the City is honored to continue working with the Puyallup Tribe on many substantive policy issues, including housing, homelessness, and the Tideflats Subarea Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the City celebrates the extraordinary contribution of Native American employees who have served in diverse capacities both in general government and at Tacoma Public Utilities; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, VICTORIA R. WOODARDS**, Mayor of the City of Tacoma, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim November 2020 as

## **NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH**

in the City of Tacoma, and encourage our residents to reflect on the accomplishments and contributions all people from Native American Indian heritage backgrounds have made to our City and our Nation.



WITNESS, THEREFORE, MY HAND  
AND THE OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE  
CITY OF TACOMA, WASHINGTON,  
This 10th day of November 2020.

*Victoria R. Woodards*  
VICTORIA R. WOODARDS, Mayor

