



NATIONAL NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH  
P R O C L A M A T I O N

WHEREAS, National Native American Heritage Month is observed nationwide during the month of November to acknowledge and honor the existence of the numerous and distinct Tribal Nations, cultures, traditions, contributions, and achievements of America's original inhabitants/peoples and their descendants to their country and the world; and

WHEREAS, this consequential recognition began on May 6, 1916, when New York declared it "American Indian Day." Acknowledgment was then expanded in 1976 as part of America's bicentennial commemoration when President Gerald Ford proclaimed Oct. 10 -16, 1976, as "Native American Awareness Week." Fourteen years later, this month-long celebration was signed into law as a joint resolution by the Senate, Congress, and United States President George H.W. Bush in 1990; and

WHEREAS, the significant contributions of Native Americans are reflected in the 44,000 men and women who served active duty during World War II. They enlisted in overwhelming numbers after the attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941, with many from numerous tribes, including the Navajo, Cherokee, Comanche, and Choctaw, serving as code talkers using their tribal languages to send secret communications on the battlefields in both the Pacific and Europe during the war. Their invaluable contributions enabled America to win World War II.

WHEREAS, the invaluable heritage of Native communities has bestowed upon us a wealth of knowledge and tradition. Their contributions to science, art, and public service have fostered prosperity for all of us. Native Americans are the stewards of our great lands, integral to the very essence of the United States.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ANGELA BIRNEY, Mayor of the City of Redmond, Washington, do hereby proclaim Nov. 1 through 30, 2024, as

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Angela Birney, Mayor  
November 2024