

## **Proclamation**

### **“National Native American Heritage Month”**

**November 1 ~ November 30, 2022**

**Whereas**, each year, the United States observes National Native American Heritage Month by celebrating the countless contributions of Native peoples past and present and honoring the influence they have had on the advancement of our Nation and the State of Colorado; and,

**Whereas**, Adams County is situated on land once occupied by Apache, Ute, Arapaho, and Cheyenne tribes; and

**Whereas**, approximately 80,000 Native Americans live in Colorado (55,000 living in the Denver metro area); and

**Whereas**, Adams County recognizes that despite a painful history marked by unjust Federal policies of assimilation and termination, American Indian and Alaska Native peoples have persevered; and

**Whereas**, we acknowledge the COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted and exacerbated preexisting inequities facing tribal nations, and recommit ourselves and our county to advancing equity and opportunity for all American Indians and Alaska Natives, and to helping tribal nations overcome the challenges they have faced from the pandemic, climate change, and a lack of sufficient infrastructure in a way that reflects their unique political relationship; and

**Whereas**, during National Native American Heritage Month, we also honor our Native American veterans and service members who have courageously served and continue to serve in our Armed Forces — including the brave Native American Code Talkers in World War I and World War II. For more than 200 years, Native Americans have defended our country during every major conflict and continue to serve at a higher rate than any other ethnic group in the nation; and

**Whereas**, this month and every month, we honor the precious, strong, and enduring cultures and contributions of all Native Americans and recommit ourselves to fulfilling the full promise of our nation together; and

**Whereas**, Adams County’s A-Proud Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee exists to celebrate the diversity in our organization and our county as a whole.

**Now Therefore, Be it Resolved**, that the Board of Commissioners, of the County of Adams, State of Colorado, proclaims November 1 - November 30, 2022 as

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and encourages all residents to honor the rich diversity of the Native community and celebrate the many ways they contribute to our nation and society.

*In witness whereof, we have set our hands and caused the seal of the county to be affixed November 1, 2022.*