

WHEREAS, Native Americans were first to carve out cities, domesticate crops, and establish great civilizations; and

WHEREAS, when the Framers gathered to write the United States Constitution, they drew inspiration from the Iroquois Confederacy, and in the centuries since, American Indians and Alaskan Natives from hundreds of tribes have shaped our national life; and

WHEREAS, during Native American Heritage Month, we pledge to maintain the meaningful partnerships we have with tribal nations, and we renew our commitment to our nation-to-nation relationships as we seek to give all our people the future they deserve; and

WHEREAS, this year Native American Heritage Day is November 28, 2025, and this day is an opportunity to learn about the hundreds of different tribes of indigenous peoples; and

WHEREAS, during Native American Heritage Month, we affirm our commitment to the celebration of the unique traditions, diverse cultures, languages, rich stories, and heritage of our continent's indigenous peoples and first inhabitants.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Mayor and Council of Rockville, Maryland, do hereby proclaim November 28, 2025, as Native American Heritage Day and November 2025 as Native American Heritage Month and urge all members of the community to commemorate this month with appropriate programs and activities.

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