

WHEREAS, Native American Heritage Month is celebrated every year to recognize Native American cultures, contributions, history, traditions, art, and land; and

WHEREAS, the history and culture of the City of Coos Bay have been significantly influenced by Native Americans, and by its surrounding Native American tribes whose customs and traditions are respected and celebrated as part of a rich legacy throughout our area; and

WHEREAS, the City of Coos Bay was built upon Native American lands and our city has greatly benefited since its founding in 1853 from Native American contributions and resources; and

WHEREAS, Native Americans have enriched our heritage and continue to add to all aspects of our society through their generosity of culture and the continued practice of teaching economic, environmental, and cultural sustainability; and

WHEREAS, in celebration of Native American Heritage Month, wishes to encourage everyone to join in recognition of the accomplishments and contributions the Native American community has made to our society and salute all of the local organizations who work with and in support of the Native American community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Joe Benetti, Mayor of the City of Coos Bay, do hereby proclaim the month of November as

"NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH"

and urge all citizens to join in this special observance and recognize the history, culture, contributions, and achievements of Native Americans throughout our community.



In witness thereof, I hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Coos Bay to be affixed on this 19th day of October 2021

Joe Benetti, Mayor