



Proclamation

Office of the Mayor, City of Mukilteo

Native American Heritage Month November 2023

WHEREAS, Native Americans have inhabited the area now known as Washington State since time immemorial. Today, 29 federally recognized Indian Tribes, out of state tribes with treaty reserved rights, and other tribal communities reside in Washington; and

WHEREAS, members and descendants of tribes around the United States and First Nations of Canada also reside in the state of Washington; and

WHEREAS, Native American contributions and values have shaped the social, political, environmental, and economic fabric of the state, while also enhancing freedom, prosperity, and cultural diversity; and

WHEREAS, state law, RCW 28A.320.170, mandates the teaching of tribal history, culture, and government in common schools; which will contribute greatly to improving school's history curriculum and enhances awareness for a better cultural understanding; and

WHEREAS, Washington joins other states across the nation in celebrating Native American Heritage Month, honoring the unique heritage of this continent's First People, and reaffirming the commitment to respect each tribe's sovereignty and cultural identity.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, Joe Marine, Mayor of the City of Mukilteo, hereby proclaim November 2023 as *Native American Heritage Month*.

Signed this 20th Day of November, 2023



Joe Marine
Joe Marine
Mayor