

Proclamation

National Native American Heritage Month November 2024

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

Whereas, Adams County has a rich history of Indigenous people with the Indigenous lands of Adams County and the surrounding area originally inhabited by the Ute, Cheyenne, Arapaho, Oceti Sakowin, and over 40 other tribal nations. These nations have historical and contemporary significance to our community and continue to thrive in Adams County; 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, 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 over 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 council exists to celebrate the diversity in our organization and our county as a whole and strives to build and foster continued relationships with our Native and Indigenous communities.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved, that the Board of County Commissioners, of the County of Adams, proclaims, November 2024 as National Native American Heritage Month 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 5, 2024.