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## AMERICAN INDIANS COMMITTEE

## SAMPLE PROCLAMATION NATIONAL AMERICAN INDIAN HERITAGE MONTH

WHEREAS, the history and culture of our great nation have been significantly influenced by American Indians and indigenous peoples; and

WHEREAS, the contributions of American Indians have enhanced the freedom, prosperity, and greatness of America today, and

WHEREAS, their customs and traditions are respected and celebrated as part of a rich legacy throughout the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, Native American Awareness Week began in 1976 and recognition was expanded by Congress and approved by President George Bush in August 1990, designating the month of November as National American Indian Heritage Month; and

WHEREAS, in honor of National American Indian Heritage Month, community celebrations as well as numerous cultural, artistic, educational and historical activities have been planned;

**Now THEREFORE**, I, (*insert name of official*), by virtue of the authority vested in me as (*title of official*) of the (*city proclamation is issued*) do hereby proclaim November as the National American Indian Heritage Month, in the (*state or city*), and urge all our citizens to observe this month with appropriate programs, ceremonies and activities.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the (<u>name of</u> <u>city</u>) to be affixed this \_\_\_\_\_\_day of \_\_\_\_\_\_, the year of our Lord two thousand and \_\_\_\_\_\_.

Mayor (appropriate name and title)

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