

# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, This month is an opportunity to gain a greater knowledge of Native Americans and honor all Indigenous Peoples on Planet Earth; and

**WHEREAS**, In Arizona, twenty-two federally recognized Tribal Nations have inhabited these lands continuously, prevailed against untold hardships and upheld their traditions; and

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

**WHEREAS**, The City of Scottsdale celebrates the positive and significant relations between our nearest neighbors The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, The Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation, and The Gila River Indian Community; and we welcome more social and cultural interactions; and

**WHEREAS**, The City of Scottsdale recognizes that Indigenous People are the original inhabitants of the Americas, living respectfully on this land and under the sky we now call Scottsdale.

**THEREFORE**, I, David D. Ortega Mayor of the City of Scottsdale do hereby proclaim November 2022 as

## National American Indian Heritage Month

and encourage everyone to explore the origin narratives, artwork, intricate family bonds and to understand the ancient, living values of the Arizona Tribal Nations.

**In Witness Whereof**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Seal of the City of Scottsdale, Arizona.



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David D. Ortega, Mayor of Scottsdale



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Ben Lane, City Clerk

