

# CITY OF HYATTSVILLE

## PROCLAMATION

### DECLARING NOVEMBER 2023 AS NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH IN THE CITY OF HYATTSVILLE

Native American Heritage Month, also known as American Indian Heritage Month, is an opportunity to celebrate the rich culture and traditions of Native Americans while recognizing the tremendous contributions that they have made to the United States.

**WHEREAS**, Native American Awareness Week began in 1976 and recognition was Federally expanded in August 1990, designating the month of November as National American Indian Heritage Month; and

**WHEREAS**, Native Americans have long called Maryland home before the first American settlers; The City of Hyattsville celebrates the culture and history of all Native peoples, including members of the Maryland State-recognized tribes: Piscataway Indian Nation, Piscataway Conoy Tribe, and the Accohannock Indian Tribe; and

**WHEREAS**, in celebrating the cultures and accomplishments of Native Americans, we also acknowledge our nation's history of colonialism that has inflicted discrimination, displacement, and genocide upon Indigenous people; and

**WHEREAS** despite this painful history, Native American people have persevered and continue to enrich all aspects of our society by sharing their customs and traditions; and

**WHEREAS**, the values and spirit celebrated this month are ones that resonate for Americans of every background and heritage.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City of Hyattsville hereby proclaims the month of November 2023 as Native American Heritage Month, and all residents are encouraged to learn about the lasting legacies of the original inhabitants of what is now the United States.

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**Robert Croslin**  
*Mayor, City of Hyattsville*

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