

CITY OF HYATTSVILLE

PROCLAMATION

DECLARING NOVEMBER 2024 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 their tremendous contributions 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; and

WHEREAS, The City of Hyattsville celebrates the culture and history of the Nacotchtank Tribe, the traditional stewards of the land and waters of this area, as well as that 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, an important step on the journey toward racial equity is reconciling with our past and acknowledging the roles institutions have played throughout history in denying access and full participation for Native peoples; 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 2024 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.

Robert Croslin

Mayor, City of Hyattsville

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