



Native American Heritage Month Proclamation

Whereas, Native American Heritage Month is a time to celebrate and recognize the rich history, culture, and contributions of Native Americans to the United States; and

Whereas, the diverse culture of Native American tribes embodies a deep respect for nature, spirituality, family, and community, and their contributions continue to enrich our national tapestry; and

Whereas, we honor the resilience and strength of Native American communities, who have faced historical injustices and continue to advocate for their rights and sovereignty; and

Whereas, the month of November is designated as Native American Heritage Month, providing an opportunity for all Americans to learn about and appreciate the legacy, traditions, and achievements of Native American peoples; and

Whereas, the State of Colorado is historically home to Tribal Nations including the Ute, Cheyenne, and Arapaho Peoples, whose enduring presence, cultural traditions, and stewardship of the land continue to shape the heritage of our region; and

Whereas, this year's theme, "Native American Legacies: Stories of Strength and Survival" emphasizes the enduring resilience of Indigenous peoples who have overcome centuries of policies aimed at erasing their identities and forcibly assimilating them. It celebrates how Native communities continue to maintain their cultures, languages, sovereignty, and leadership, passing down legacies of survival, strength, and governance to future generations; and

Whereas, Native American Heritage Month was officially recognized in the United States in 1990 by President George H.W. Bush following a series of proclamations that began in 1986, which designated a single day in September as American Indian Day; and

Now, therefore, I, Council Member Emily Baer on behalf of the Town Council of the Town of Erie, do hereby proclaim that Native American Heritage Month be celebrated from November 1-30, 2025, and I call upon all residents in the Town of Erie to observe this month with appropriate ceremonies, activities, and programs.

Dated this 11th day of November 2025.

Andrew J. Moore, Mayor

Attest:

Debbie Stamp, Deputy Town Clerk