



Native American Heritage Month Proclamation

Whereas, Native American Heritage month celebrates the richness and resilience of Indigenous people, honoring their culture, traditions, and the centuries-long injustices they endure; and

Whereas, the Town of Erie sits on the ancestral lands of the Ute, Arapaho, Cheyenne, and Sioux peoples; and

Whereas, Native Americans are descendants of the original, indigenous habitants of what is now the United States; and

Whereas, Native Americans enrich our heritage and continue to add to all aspects of our society through their traditions, culture, and the continued practice of teaching economic, environmental, and social sustainability; and

Whereas, the Town recognizes the erasure, violence, and disenfranchisement of Indigenous people, historically and presently, both in Colorado and the nation; and

Whereas, Native Americans have the lowest life expectancy among all Americans, and their life expectancy continues to decline due to the lack of equitable access to healthcare and economic opportunity; and

Whereas, Native Americans have imparted all Americans and the world with innovation that is essential to live our modern lives, including transportation, housing, engineering, and food technology; and

Whereas, on October 31, 2022, President Joseph R. Biden signed the National Native American Heritage Month Proclamation, designating the month of November for the celebrations.

Now, therefore, I, Justin Brooks, Mayor of the Town of Erie, do hereby proclaim that Native American Heritage Month be celebrated for all of November, and I call upon the Town of Erie and all Americans to observe this month with appropriate ceremonies, activities, and programs.

Dated this 24th day of October, 2023.

Justin Brooks, Mayor

Attest:

Debbie Stamp, Deputy Town Clerk