



City of Dallas, Polk County, Oregon
Native American Heritage Month

WHEREAS, *Native American Heritage Month is observed acknowledging the contributions of Native Americans long before the formation of the United States, which we recognize as inextricably woven into the history of this country; and*

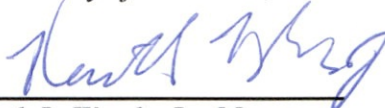
WHEREAS, *in celebrating the traditions, cultures, and accomplishments of Native Americans, we also acknowledge our nation's history of colonialism that has inflicted discrimination, deprivation, and genocide upon indigenous people; and*

WHEREAS, *we are aware of the historical importance of local and national tribes and the way Native Americans continue to enrich our heritage and add to all aspects of our society by sharing their customs and traditions, and*

WHEREAS, *we honor our native people, their ancestral homes, their religion, and recognize their contributions historically, today, and in the future of our community.*

NOW, THEREFORE, *I, Kenneth L. Woods, Jr., Mayor of the City of Dallas, do hereby proclaim November 2023 as Native American Heritage Month in the City of Dallas, a time to celebrate the rich cultures of indigenous people, honor their sacrifices, acknowledge the unique challenges Native Americans face, historically and present, and recognize their continued significance in our community, and I urge all citizens to join in this observance.*

Signed this 6th day of November, 2023



Kenneth L. Woods, Jr., Mayor