

# PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, indigenous people traveled this land before it was settled by others; and

WHEREAS, Columbia, Missouri, is built on land that has been home of indigenous people for more than 12,000 years; and

WHEREAS, while we will never know the names of many of the groups that have called this land home, at the time of European contact, this region was the homeland of the Missouri (Niyut<sup>h</sup>achi) and the Osage (Ni'-u-kon-çka) people; and

WHEREAS, the land on which settlers built the City of Columbia was ceded in treaty by the Osages in 1808, and by the Ioway (Báxoje), Sac (Thâkîwaki), and Fox (Meskwâki) nations in 1824; and

WHEREAS, the past and present contributions of the indigenous people have enhanced the greatness of America; and

WHEREAS, their customs and traditions are respected and celebrated as part of a rich legacy throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, November is recognized as Native American Heritage Month to recognize the cultural, artistic, and educational contributions of past and present indigenous people within the United States;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Barbara Buffaloe, Mayor of the City of Columbia, Missouri do hereby proclaim the month of November, 2023 as

## NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

in the City of Columbia, Missouri, and urge all residents to engage with indigenous people in meaningful ways to allow them to express their traditions and cultures and tell their stories, and observe this month with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities as the Columbian Chapter, National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution and others are doing.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed hereto the seal of the City of Columbia, this 1st day of November, 2023.



Barbara Buffaloe, Mayor

ATTEST:



Sheela Amin, City Clerk

