

# *City of Vancouver, Washington*

## **Proclamation**

- WHEREAS, during National American Indian Heritage Month, we celebrate the rich tapestry of Indigenous peoples and honor their sacrifices, which we recognize as inextricably woven into the history of this country; and
- WHEREAS, Native Americans have enriched our heritage and continue to add to all aspects of our society through their generosity of culture and the continued practice and teaching of economic, environmental, and cultural sustainability through Indigenous Ways of Knowledge; and
- WHEREAS, our country is blessed by the character and strength exemplified by the Native Americans who have answered the call of service in our armed forces abroad and at home. We honor our Native American veterans and those who are serving in active duty for their bravery and sacrifice; and
- WHEREAS, the City of Vancouver renews its commitment to protecting the tribal sovereignty and self-determination of Native American peoples; and
- WHEREAS, the City of Vancouver is committed to engaging in dialogues, led by tribal communities, around the opportunities and work in which they are currently engaged in the areas of self-determination, sovereignty, and cultural preservation, to create an active government-to-government collaboration; and
- WHEREAS during the month of November, we honor our native peoples in this, their ancestral homes, and recognize their continued contributions in strengthening the diversity of our society.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Anne McEnery-Ogle, Mayor of Vancouver, Washington, do hereby proclaim the November 2024 as:

### **“Native American Cultural Heritage Month”**

And November 29, 2024, as:

### **“Native American Heritage Day”**

and encourage all community members to join in this observance.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Vancouver to be affixed this 18th day of November 2024.

*Anne McEnery-Ogle*  
ANNE McENERY-OGLE, MAYOR