

COUNTY OF HAWAI'I

Proclamation

WHEREAS since time immemorial, Indigenous Americans, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians have built vibrant and diverse cultures – safeguarding land, language, spirit, knowledge, and tradition across the generations; and

WHEREAS the U.S. Congress designated November as **Native American Heritage Month** – to celebrate the rich histories and important traditions of our nation's first people; and

WHEREAS the contributions that Indigenous peoples have made throughout history, in public service, entrepreneurship, science, scholarship, the arts, and countless other fields, are integral to our nation, our culture, and our society; and

WHEREAS indigenous peoples have served, and continue to serve, in the United States Armed Forces with distinction and honor – at one of the highest rates of any group, defending our security every day; and

WHEREAS the National Native American Veterans Memorial, designed by Harvey Pratt entitled “Warriors’ Circle of Honor” was inspired by the circle of life, the seasons, and the planets, and is dedicated to Native American, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian Veterans; and,

WHEREAS we seek to repair the trauma of past oppression and broken trust – both locally and regionally – by lifting up indigenous cultures and voices and striving together to build a future of shared hope and promise for all; and

WHEREAS the four Chapters in Hawai'i of the Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR) promote the month of November as **Native American Heritage Month** as part of the nationwide observation and plan activities to raise awareness about our shared history and acknowledge the important contributions that Indigenous peoples have made to our community and our nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mitchell D. Roth, Mayor of Hawai'i County, do hereby proclaim the month of NOVEMBER 2022, as

NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

in the County of Hawai'i to celebrate the rich and diverse cultures, traditions, and histories of indigenous people, and to raise awareness of the unique challenges faced both historically and, in the present, and the ways in which we can come together to overcome these challenges.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused The Seal of the County of Hawai'i to be affixed. Done this 1st day of November 2022, in Hilo, Hawai'i.




MITCHELL D. ROTH
Mayor