

# Proclamation

## Native American Heritage Month

**WHEREAS**, Native Americans have inhabited the Bay Area region for many millennia, and are still living here as integral community members who contribute significantly to the growth, prosperity, and identity of our country, from before its inception to the present day; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2020 United States Census reports that 9.7 million people throughout the United States self-identify as American Indian and Alaska Native during the decennial census, and according to the Bureau of Indian Affairs, there are currently 574 federally recognized Native Nations; and

**WHEREAS**, California is home to 109 federally recognized tribes, along with a number of other tribes not currently recognized by the federal government, such as the Muwekma Ohlone Tribe of the San Francisco Bay Area, who are actively petitioning for federal recognition and reaffirmation; and

**WHEREAS**, National Native American Heritage Month serves to recognize Native American cultures and educate the public about their heritage, history, art, and service in the United States Armed Forces; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of San Leandro recognizes that the history of native peoples in this country includes painful experiences arising from a host of matters, including colonization, forced removal from lands, inhumane treatment, involuntary assimilation, and other disreputable practices that negatively impacted indigenous communities; and

**WHEREAS**, on this occasion, the City of San Leandro celebrates the incredible resilience of the Native Americans for their ongoing community-building and reclamation of their unique cultures, languages, and traditions, as well as their continued contributions to our community.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Juan González III, Mayor of the City of San Leandro, do hereby proclaim the month of November 2023, as "**Native American Heritage Month**" in San Leandro and encourage all residents to engage in the history, cultures, traditions, and contributions of the Native Americans in our community.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand  
and caused the Seal of the City of San Leandro to be  
affixed this 6<sup>th</sup> day of November 2023.

Juan González III, Mayor  
City of San Leandro