

# PROCLAMATION

## *Native American Heritage Month ~ November 2022*

**WHEREAS,** Native American Heritage Month celebrates and recognizes the accomplishments of the peoples who were the original inhabitants, explorers, and settlers of the United States; and

**WHEREAS,** for millennia before Europeans settled in North America, the indigenous peoples of this continent flourished with vibrant cultures and were the original stewards of the land. From generation to generation, invaluable cultural knowledge and rich traditions were handed down, which continue to thrive in Native American communities across our country today; and

**WHEREAS,** as the first to live on this land, Native Americans and their traditions and values continue to inspire the ideals of self-governance and determination that are the framework of all communities; and

**WHEREAS,** the Wilton Rancheria Tribe is the only federally recognized tribe in Sacramento County. After decades of hardship and struggle, losing and then regaining their tribal status, having land put into a federal trust for the Tribe by the U.S. Department of the Interior, and most recently, opening the Sky River Casino on August 16, 2022, the Wilton Rancheria and their Tribal members show their strong resolve and perseverance.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Elk Grove hereby proclaims November 2022 as Native American Heritage Month in the City of Elk Grove and urges all residents to take the time to gain a deeper understanding of the diverse heritage of Native Americans, strengthen the preservation of Native American history, art, language, literature, anthropology, and culture, and renew awareness and appreciation working as partners with Native Americans to build sustainable and healthy communities.

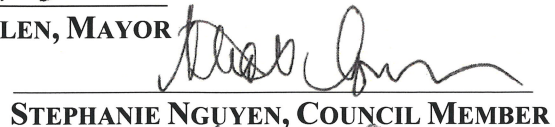
**SIGNED** this 9<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2022.



BOBBIE SINGH-ALLEN, MAYOR



DARREN SUEN, VICE MAYOR



STEPHANIE NGUYEN, COUNCIL MEMBER



PATRICK HUME, COUNCIL MEMBER



KEVIN SPEASE, COUNCIL MEMBER