## PROCLAMATION Native American Heritage Month ~ November 2021

- **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 indigenous to territory within Sacramento County and is a federally recognized Tribe by the United States Government. The Tribe currently has 700 members, with 62 percent of the tribe living in Sacramento County. The Tribe's leadership has worked diligently to implement and further develop the tribal government and assist its members through self-determination.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Elk Grove hereby proclaims November 2021 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 10th day of November, 2021.

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