



THE CITY OF FIRCREST

PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

WHEREAS, Native Americans were the first inhabitants of what is now Washington State; and

WHEREAS, Native American Awareness Week began in 1976 and recognition was expanded by Congress and approved by President George Bush in August 1990, designating the month of November as National American Indian Heritage Month; and

WHEREAS, Native American contributions and values have shaped the social, political, environmental, and economic fabric of our state; and

WHEREAS, we recognize the historical importance of local and national tribes and the way Native Americans continue to enrich our heritage and add to all aspects of our society by sharing their customs and traditions; and

WHEREAS, we honor Native Americans, their ancestral homes, and their traditions and cultures and are grateful for their contributions historically, today, and in the future of our community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fircrest joins Washington State and other states across the nation in celebrating Native American Heritage Month, honoring the unique heritage and reaffirming the commitment to respect each tribe's sovereignty and cultural identity.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, MAYOR, AND COUNCILMEMBERS, of the City of Fircrest, do hereby proclaim that November 2022 be recognized as "Native American Heritage Month," encouraging all our Fircrest community members to share in this special tribute by learning about and celebrating the generations of Native Americans who have and continue to enrich our nation and our local community.

Passed this 8th day of November 2022

Brett L. Wittner, Mayor