



*City of Ellensburg*

# PROCLAMATION

Native American Heritage Month  
November 2023

**Whereas**, in 1990, President George H. W. Bush declared the month of November as National Native American Heritage Month; and

**Whereas**, the United States currently recognizes 574 American Indian and Alaska Native tribes, of which twenty-nine are located in Washington State; and

**Whereas**, as the first to live on this land, Native Americans and their traditions and values inspired - and continue to inspire - the ideals of self-governance, determination, and care for the earth; and

**Whereas**, the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation settled on approximately ten million acres of land forming what is now known as Central Washington State; and

**Whereas**, the City of Ellensburg recognizes and honors the descendants, living or not, of all Native Nations residing herein and contributing to the strength and vibrance of a diverse community; and

**Whereas**, the City of Ellensburg adopted a "Land Acknowledgment Statement" in 2022 recognizing the land on which we are located as ceded land of the Yakama Nation.

**Now, Therefore**, the City Council of the City of Ellensburg does hereby proclaim November 2023 as Native American Heritage Month in Ellensburg and asks all residents to join in this observance by building bridges of understanding and friendship with members of the Yakama Nation and all of our Native American neighbors.

Signed this 6th day of November, 2023.

Attest:  
City Clerk

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Beth Leader".

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Nancy Lillquist".

Nancy Lillquist, Mayor