



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, every year, our Nation pauses to reflect on the profound ways the First Americans have shaped our country's character and culture. The first stewards of our environment, early voices for the values that define our Nation, and models of government to our Founding Fathers - American Indians and Alaska Natives helped build the very fabric of America; and

WHEREAS, today, their spirit and many contributions continue to enrich our communities and strengthen our country, and we honor their legacy; and

WHEREAS, as we celebrate the rich traditions of the original people of what is now the United States, we cannot forget the long and unfortunate chapters of violence, discrimination, and deprivation they had to endure; and

WHEREAS, while we cannot ignore these events or erase their consequences we can work together to forge a brighter future; and

WHEREAS, today - as community and tribal leaders, members of our Armed Forces, and drivers of progress and economic growth, American Indians and Alaska Natives are working to carry forward their proud history; and

WHEREAS, Thanksgiving and the month of November are an important time for the nation to renew a year-round commitment of honoring and strengthening the relationship between tribal nations and the United States.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Commission of the City of North Lauderdale recognizes the month of November 2020 as,

NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

and urge all residents to observe this month with appropriate ceremonies, activities, and programs.

Dated this 10th day of November 2020.

MAYOR ANA M. ZIADE