

Proclamation
**Recognizing November 2025 as Native
American Heritage Month**



WHEREAS, National Native American Heritage Month was formally established by President H.W. Bush in 1990; and

WHEREAS, the City of Monroe's origins trace back to the Indigenous Coast Salish peoples, encompassing forty independent Nations between British Columbia, Canada and northern Oregon; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes that indigenous peoples including from the Snohomish Tribe of Indians, Tulalip Tribes of Washington, Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians, and the Snoqualmie Indian Tribe were the original stewards of our region – hunting, fishing, gathering, maintaining rich cultural and economic systems, and sustaining vibrant communities prior to settler colonization; and

WHEREAS, the arrival of treaties like the Treaty of Point Elliot in 1855 and subsequent policies of displacement, assimilation, and resource restriction deeply impacted indigenous communities in the Skykomish region; and

WHEREAS, the City of Monroe acknowledges the rich histories, vibrant cultures, and enduring contributions of the many Tribal nations and indigenous people whose descendants continue to enrich our community and region; and

WHEREAS, indigenous communities continue to innovate and lead in fields such as environmental stewardship, public policy, sciences, the arts, education, and more; and

WHEREAS, Imagine Monroe aspires to create a safe place for all, where everyone feels at home and everyone feels they belong; and

WHEREAS, the City of Monroe honors our relationship with indigenous partners and community members and recognizes that fostering understanding of current and past injustices is necessary to seek reconciliation and create a more inclusive future rooted in mutual respect, shared prosperity, and true partnership; and

NOW THEREFORE, I, Geoffrey Thomas, do hereby recognize the month of November 2025 as

Native American Heritage Month

AND, I call upon everyone to learn more about indigenous history, culture, and traditions as well as celebrate the contributions that indigenous peoples continue to provide to our country and community.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Geoffrey Thomas", is written over a horizontal line.

Geoffrey Thomas, Mayor