



City of Ellensburg

PROCLAMATION

Native American Heritage Month
November 2025

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, it is essential to educate ourselves and our community about the histories and cultures of Native American tribes, fostering a greater appreciation for their contributions to our society.

Now, Therefore, the Mayor of the City of Ellensburg does hereby proclaim November 2025 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 3rd day of November, 2025.

Attest:
City Clerk

A blue ink signature of Betti Jo Padolsky.

A black ink signature of Rich Elliott.
Rich Elliott, Mayor