

**PROCLAMATION
NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH**

WHEREAS, in 1990, President George H. W. Bush approved a joint resolution designating November 1990 as “National American Indian Heritage Month” which later became known as “Native American Heritage Month”; and

WHEREAS, Native Americans were the first inhabitants of Arlington and the Stillaguamish Valley and have lived here since time immemorial. Mountains, rivers, lakes, streams, valleys, trails, and towns across the country bear Native American names to remind us of our shared heritage; they are lasting reminders of the contributions of Native Americans; and

WHEREAS, many of the foods we eat, the art we enjoy and the beautiful places where we recreate were introduced by Native Americans. Native Americans make contributions in every area of our daily life, including literature, science, and arts, that draw upon Native American themes and wisdom; and

WHEREAS, Native American contributions and values have shaped the social, political, environmental, and economic fabric of the country, while also enhancing prosperity, and cultural diversity; and

WHEREAS, we are thankful for our partnership with the Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians; and

WHEREAS, Arlington, Washington joins others across the nation in celebrating Native American Heritage Month, honoring the unique heritage of this continent's First People and reaffirming the commitment to respect each Tribe's sovereignty and cultural identity;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Barbara Tolbert, Mayor of Arlington, Washington, do hereby proclaim November 2023 as

Native American Heritage Month

in Arlington and encourage all people to join me in this special observance.



Barbara Tolbert, Mayor

November 1, 2023

Date