



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Native Americans were the original inhabitants of the land known as Turtle Island, later to be called North America; and

WHEREAS, the contributions of Native Americans have enhanced the freedom, prosperity, and greatness of America today; and

WHEREAS, the culture and traditions of Native Americans have persevered through triumph and travesty and continue to be an integral part of the United States' history; and

WHEREAS, Native American Awareness Week began in 1976 and recognition was expanded by Congress and approved by President George Bush in August 1990, designating the month of November as National American Indian Heritage Month; and

WHEREAS, National Native American Heritage Month is a time to celebrate and to educate the people of the nation about the rich history and contributions of its original inhabitants; and

WHEREAS, the O'ahu Native Nations Organization in collaboration with the Indigenous Student Association at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, a collective of Native Americans living, studying and working in Hawai'i, raised and steeped in their respective native nations, plan to lead the celebration with song and dance presentations; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the challenges of today's world, we honor the words of Sitting Bull, (Dakota) 1831-1890, 'Let us put our minds together and see what life we can make for our children';

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor of the **State of Hawai'i**, do hereby proclaim November 2022 as

“NATIONAL NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH”

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to recognize and honor the contributions of Native Americans who have preserved and enhanced the freedom and opportunities that our country enjoys today.

Done at the State Capitol in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twenty-seventh day of October 2022.



DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i