

Salt Lake County

Whereas, November 2024 has been declared Native American Heritage Month in Utah;

Whereas, during National Native American Heritage Month, we recognize the vast contributions made by Native Americans within Salt Lake County, the state of Utah, and across the nation; and

Whereas, Native American Tribes, such as the Goshute, Paiute, Utah, Navajo, and Shoshone tribes, have been in Utah since 1200 AD; and

Whereas, we honor and recognize Salt Lake County as an ancestral homeland of these tribes and acknowledge the land's significance as a gathering place for Indigenous peoples; and

Whereas, the history of Utah cannot be discussed without acknowledging the history and influence of Native peoples within Salt Lake County, the State of Utah, and the United States; and

Whereas, Utah's Native American population grew by 26.5% and Utah is now home to approximately 69,000 Native Americans from over 50 tribal nations; and

Whereas, for generations, they have passed down rich traditions, cultures, and knowledge in Utah and across the nation and we celebrate their heritage; and

Whereas, we recognize Indigenous Knowledge as an important contributor to the scientific, technical, social, and economic advancements of Utah, and the United States; and

Whereas, Native Americans serve in the United States Armed Forces at higher rates than any other ethnic group; and

Whereas, Salt Lake County is home to talented Native American youth who will shape our future as they enter the education system, workforce, and our Salt Lake County community to create a hopeful future for all; and

Whereas, we honor the resilience of those past and present who have strived and sacrificed to overcome many challenges, often in the face of prejudice, in order to embrace and establish the opportunities of the American Dream for themselves, their families, and the future of Salt Lake County; and

Whereas, together we recognize the Native American community in Salt Lake County, acknowledge and celebrate their many achievements, and applaud their proud legacy of service, unity, and dedication to our nation, our state, and to Salt Lake County;

Now, therefore, We, the Salt Lake County Council, on this 29th Day of October, 2024, do hereby recognize and celebrate all the Native American residents of Salt Lake County during this month set aside to honor them.

Native American Heritage Month Proclamation

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