

Mayor Ben McAdams

WHEREAS, nearly 16,000 Native Americans reside within Salt Lake County, making up a unique and diverse population that represents many tribal nations; and

WHEREAS, Salt Lake County rests on the ceded lands of the Northwestern Shoshone, Paiute, Goshute, and Ute who have called the Salt Lake Valley and the Wasatch range home and have been stewards of the land since time immemorial; and

WHEREAS, Native Americans have contributed to the prosperity of Salt Lake County through treaties, resources, lands, culture, traditions, and commerce; and

WHEREAS, Salt Lake County chooses to honor and celebrate the importance of Native Americans and their immeasurable contributions to our county and to our society, distinguishing themselves as scholars, veterans, teachers, athletes, artists, entrepreneurs and leaders; and

WHEREAS, Native American communities face stark realities, including disproportionately high rates of poverty, unemployment, disease, and sexual violence; these disparities are unacceptable, and Salt Lake County acknowledges it must do better in working with Native Americans to address and resolve these abhorrent conditions; and

WHEREAS, Salt Lake County strives to always improve communication and enhance services with all county residents, and, in particular, Native Americans, as we journey together on a quest for justice, equality, respect, and prosperity.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ben McAdams, Mayor of Salt Lake County, do hereby proclaim the month of November 2018 as

Native American Heritage Month

and call on the people of Salt Lake County to observe the month with programs, appropriate ceremonies, and activities celebrating and honoring Native American culture, contributions, and achievements.

Adopted on this 20th day of November, 2018.

Ben McAdams
Mayor