

CITY OF SPOKANE



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Spokane is situated upon the ancestral homelands of the Spokane Tribe of Indians and is part of a region enriched by the histories, cultures, and contributions of many Native American nations who have stewarded this land since time immemorial; and

WHEREAS, the City of Spokane is home to one of the nation's largest urban Native populations, representing hundreds of Indigenous tribes and bands from across the continent; and

WHEREAS, Spokane's urban Native population is a huge part of our community, with over 100 Native owned businesses and organizations; and

WHEREAS, the month of November is nationally recognized as Native American Heritage Month, a time dedicated to celebrating the history, culture, achievements, and enduring contributions of Native peoples to the cultural, spiritual, educational, and economic fabric of our community and our nation; and

WHEREAS, Spokane acknowledges the resilience, leadership, and wisdom of Native American communities who have maintained their languages, traditions, and sovereignty despite centuries of adversity, and whose enduring presence strengthens the future of our region; and

WHEREAS, we are committed to supporting efforts that promote the visibility of Native American histories, educate the public on the continued injustices faced by Indigenous communities, and encourage the celebration of their immense cultural vitality:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lisa Brown, Mayor of the City of Spokane, on behalf of the people of Spokane, do hereby proclaim November 2025 as

NATIONAL NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

in Spokane and call upon all community members to join in recognition and celebration of the achievements, traditions, and sovereignty of Native American peoples, and to continue our ongoing reconciliation, building respectful relationships with the Tribal nations who have shaped, and continue to shape, the Spokane region.

I, Lisa Brown, Mayor of Spokane,
do hereunto set my hand and
cause the seal of the City of Spokane
to be affixed this
18th day of November 2025.

Lisa Brown

Lisa Brown
Mayor

