City of Flagstaff – Office of the Mayor

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the United States of America was founded on the cognizance that all of us are created equal and deserve equal treatment, equal dignity, and equal opportunity; however, the promise of our Nation has been denied to Indigenous people who have lived on this land since time immemorial. Despite a painful history made clear by unjust Federal policies of assimilation and termination, Indigenous peoples have persevered and claimed resiliency.

WHEREAS, during this month, **the City of Flagstaff celebrates the myriads of contributions of Indigenous peoples past and present, honor the influence they have had on the advancement of our community and Nation, and recommit ourselves to upholding trust and responsibilities, strengthening our relationships, and advancing native self-determination.**

WHEREAS, approximately 12% of the citizens in the City of Flagstaff are members of Indigenous nations in addition to the 14 local nations who hold this land and bordering mountains as sacred. Northern Arizona University and Coconino Community College serve students who are representative of over 145 Indigenous nations. Flagstaff Unified School District has an Indigenous student population of 25%. We also include contributions of our non-human relatives, the animals, those who fly, swim, and the standing green nation of trees and plants.

WHEREAS, we must take this time to honor Indigenous veterans and service members who selflessly continue to serve in our military — including the brave Indigenous Code Talkers in World War I and World War II. For over two centuries, Indigenous peoples have defended our country during every major conflict and continue to serve at a higher rate than any other ethnic group in the Country because their roots are deeply entrenched in this land.

WHEREAS, the Flagstaff City Council established the Indigenous Commission to advise the City Council on issues and methods in promoting diversity, equity, and inclusive planning with Indigenous perspective within the City of Flagstaff; and

WHEREAS, the Indigenous Commission supports the designation of the month of November 2026 as Native American Heritage Month, in unison with all local, Indigenous, state, and national observances.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Becky Daggett, Mayor of the City of Flagstaff, Arizona do hereby proclaim November 2026 as

Native American Heritage Month

and encourage our community to learn about and appreciate the history, heritage, and contributions of Native Americans as Indigenous peoples of this great land.

Becky Daggett

MAYOR

ATTEST:

Stacy Saltzburg

CITY CLERK