



**HONORARY PROCLAMATION  
RECOGNIZING NOVEMBER 2023 AS  
"NATIONAL NATIVE AMERICAN & INDIGENOUS PEOPLES HERITAGE MONTH"**

**WHEREAS**, National Native American Heritage Month is also referred to as Indigenous Peoples Heritage Month and is a time to recognize the history and experiences of Indigenous peoples in the United States and to rejoice in the diverse and rich cultures and great contributions of Indigenous people and Tribes; 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 Native American Heritage Month; and

**WHEREAS**, National Native American & Indigenous Peoples Heritage Month allows us to spread awareness about Indigenous people and Tribes and to educate people about the various challenges faced by Indigenous peoples in the past and today; and

**WHEREAS**, Indigenous peoples play a critical role in the health and vitality of our great Nation. As leaders, advocates, business owners, artists, teachers, writers, courageous members of our Armed Forces, and so much more, their contributions to our society are cause for celebration and appreciation by all Americans; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Arroyo Grande resolves to work side-by-side with Indigenous peoples and Tribes to secure stronger, safer communities and safeguard sacred heritage for future generations.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Caren Ray Russom, Mayor of the City of Arroyo Grande, do hereby proclaim November 2023 as "National Native American & Indigenous Peoples Heritage Month" and urge all our citizens to observe this month with gratitude and sensitivity with the use of appropriate programs, ceremonies and activities.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Arroyo Grande to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> day of October 2023.

**CAREN RAY RUSSOM, MAYOR**

