

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

*No. 432*

**Approved November 13, 2024**

WHEREAS, On August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1990 the U.S. Congress passed a joint resolution proclaiming the month of November to be Native American Heritage Month; and

WHEREAS, For generations that long predate the landing of European colonists on American shores and indeed even predate the concept that is America, Native Communities have passed down traditions and developed deeply complex connections with a land that they were the first to call home; and

WHEREAS, The City of Providence's existence today is due in large part to the contributions of the Narragansett and Wampanoag Tribes who, in the dead of winter in 1636, welcomed Roger Williams with open arms when he fled Massachusetts Bay Colony and arrived in what is now Providence; and

WHEREAS, On March 24<sup>th</sup>, 1638, the Narragansett Tribe and their Sachems Canonicus and Miantonomo signed a deed to certify a deal they made with Roger Williams that deeded him the land that became Providence, in exchange for any English trade goods they wanted from him; and

WHEREAS, In addition to the Narragansetts, the State of Rhode Island is the ancestral home of the Pequots, the Nipmucs, the Niantics and the Wampanoags and the city of Providence also acknowledges their stake in this land and celebrates their long and intricate histories, identities and culture; and

WHEREAS, In addition to being an acknowledgement of history, Native American Heritage Month is also a celebration of the tribes that exist today as sovereign nations and their myriad contributions that continue to enrich the City of Providence, the State of Rhode Island, and the United State of America; and



WHEREAS, Among these civic contributions in public service, humanities, business, science, art and more, Native Americans serve in the United States Armed Forces at higher rates than any other ethnic group and they remain incomparable stewards of our natural environment; and

WHEREAS, Our country would not exist without the contributions of Native Peoples.

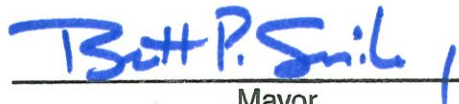
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Providence formally acknowledges and celebrates November as National Native American Heritage Month.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon passage a copy of this Resolution be sent to the office of the Mayor, to the Rhode Island Indian Council, and to the Narragansett Indian Tribe.

IN CITY COUNCIL  
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READ AND PASSED

  
RACHEL M. MILLER, PRESIDENT  
  
CLERK

I HEREBY APPROVE.

  
Mayor  
Date: 11/13/24