

RESOLUTION NO. _____ - 2022

RECOGNIZING the month of November 2022 as Native American Heritage Month in Cincinnati.

WHEREAS, the month of November is nationally recognized as Native American Heritage Month; and

WHEREAS, prior to the arrival of the Europeans, Cincinnati had a large indigenous Native American presence, including the Osage, Shawnee, and Miami tribes; and

WHEREAS, due to broken treaties and forced removals, the indigenous population of Cincinnati dramatically decreased; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cincinnati was built on land stolen from its indigenous inhabitants; and

WHEREAS, the United States continues to discriminate against Native Americans through existing policies and laws; and

WHEREAS, Native Americans have shaped the culture and history of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Native Americans speak and preserve indigenous languages, parts of which have been incorporated into the English language as location names throughout the country, such as the Little Miami River, and the State of Ohio, which means “great river” in the Seneca language; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cincinnati owes a tremendous historical debt to Native Americans; and

WHEREAS, Cincinnati remains the home of a significant number of Native Americans today; and

WHEREAS, residents of the City of Cincinnati are encouraged to explore and learn about the rich cultural, political, and historical perspectives of Native Americans; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That the Mayor and this Council hereby recognize the month of November 2022 as Native American Heritage Month.

Section 2. That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of Council.

Passed: _____, 2022

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk

Submitted by Councilmember Victoria Parks