

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

CITY OF

DES PLAINES, ILLINOIS

WHEREAS, *Native American Heritage Month was established in 1990 to acknowledge the contributions of Native Americans and to celebrate their rich and diverse cultures, traditions, histories; and*

WHEREAS, *it is essential to understand our nation's history of colonialism, which has inflicted discrimination, deprivation, and genocide upon Indigenous people, and to recognize the resilience of tribal citizens in overcoming these challenges; and*

WHEREAS, *the month of November provides an opportunity to educate, recognize, and honor the Native people of the land on which we work and live while spreading awareness about tribes and advancing equity; and*

WHEREAS, *the City of Des Plaines recognizes the importance of Indigenous people, acknowledging their sacrifices, addressing the unique challenges Native Americans face, and respecting their continued significance in our community.*

Now, therefore, I, ANDREW GOCZKOWSKI, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF DES PLAINES, do hereby proclaim November as

NATIONAL NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

Dated this 4th day of November 2024



Andrew Goczkowski, Mayor