



# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, Indigenous Peoples' Heritage Month is celebrated every year to recognize Indigenous peoples' cultures, contributions, history, language, traditions, art, and land; and

**WHEREAS**, the history and culture of the City of Coos Bay have been significantly influenced by Indigenous people, and we recognize their ongoing exercise of inherent sovereignty through dedicated stewardship, preservation of knowledge, teachings, language, and traditions, and are respected and celebrated as part of a rich legacy throughout our shared area; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Coos Bay recognizes and honors the ancestral lands of the Indigenous people, affirming that our city established in 1853 is a continuation of their enduring presence and invaluable contributions; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Coos Bay acknowledges the ongoing significance of Tribal restoration efforts and honors their sustained contributions to the city. Indigenous people have enriched our heritage and continue to add to all aspects of our society through their generous sharing of culture and their continued practice of teaching economic, environmental, and cultural sustainability; and

**WHEREAS**, in celebration of Indigenous Peoples' Heritage Month, the City of Coos Bay wishes to encourage everyone to join in recognizing the vibrant diversity, accomplishments and invaluable contributions the Indigenous community has made to our society. We extend our gratitude to all local organizations working in collaboration with and in support of the Indigenous community

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Joe Benetti, Mayor of the City of Coos Bay, do hereby proclaim the month of November as

## **"INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' HERITAGE MONTH"**

and encourage all citizens to join in this special observance and acknowledge the rich history, language and cultural heritage, contributions, and achievements of Indigenous people within our community.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the city seal of the City of Coos Bay to be affixed on the 5th day of November 2024.

  
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Joe Benetti, Mayor

