

**CITY OF NIXA  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
STATE OF MISSOURI**

**PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, November is designated as Native American Heritage Month. This observance commemorates the history, heritage, and culture of Native Americans and Alaskan Natives; and

**WHEREAS**, these commemorations allow our Nation to pause and reflect on the profound ways the first Americans have shaped our country's character and culture as the first stewards of our environment and early voices for the values that define our Nation; and

**WHEREAS**, today, their spirit and many contributions continue to enrich our communities and strengthen our country, and we honor their legacy; and

**WHEREAS**, as we celebrate the rich traditions of the original people of what is now the United States, we cannot forget the long and unfortunate chapters of violence, discrimination, and deprivation they had to endure; and

**WHEREAS**, today, as community and tribal leaders, members of our Armed Forces, and drivers of progress and economic growth, American Indians and Alaska Native are working to carry forward their proud history; and

**WHEREAS**, we owe it to Native peoples to continue in our efforts to create a community that fully empowers them to live and thrive, to promote visibility of the rich diversity of Native cultures, address the tragedies of missing and killed indigenous peoples, and generations of children lost to boarding schools; and

**WHEREAS**, during Native American Heritage Month, the City of Nixa recognizes and celebrates the culture and heritage of Native Americans and reaffirms our appreciation of the ideals which our first Americans held dear.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Brian Steele, Mayor of the City of Nixa, Missouri, do hereby proclaim the month of November 2022, as

**"Native American Heritage Month"**

**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the City of Nixa, this 24<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2022.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk