

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
City & Borough of Sitka

# Proclamation

## RECOGNIZING NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

**WHEREAS,** the purpose of Native American Heritage Month is to honor and recognize the indigenous people of our Nation; and

**WHEREAS,** the Tlingit, Haida, Tsimshian and Eyak cultures of Southeast, Alaska have much to celebrate in their varied and rich cultures; and

**WHEREAS,** it is important that honor is bestowed on our State's indigenous ancestors -and today's tribal elders - because if not for the survival and adaptive skills of those who have come before us, Alaska's tribal cultures may not be as strong as they are today; and

**WHEREAS,** by continuing to teach the next generation to employ and respect their cultural and spiritual heritage, indigenous languages, oral narratives and traditional foods our state's local, regional and statewide tribal leadership is nurtured and inspired to serve; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka that the citizens of Sitka honor our Native peoples and recognize them for strengthening the diversity of our society.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** as Mayor of the City and Borough of Sitka that I do hereby proclaim November 2017 as Native American Heritage Month and call upon Sitkans to commemorate this month with appropriate programs, activities, and celebrations.

*Signed and sealed on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2017.*



Matthew Hunter, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sara Peterson, CMC  
Municipal Clerk