



PROCLAMATION

NATIONAL NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

WHEREAS, the history and culture of our great nation have been significantly influenced by American Indians and Indigenous peoples; and

WHEREAS, the contributions of American Indians have enhanced the freedom, prosperity, and greatness of America today including the Town of Brentwood's own Native American and Marine Corps Veteran, *David John Higgins, II*, who passed away on June 3, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the customs and traditions of Native and Indigenous Americans are respected and celebrated as part of our nation's rich legacy throughout the United States;

WHEREAS, Native American Awareness Week began in 1976, and recognition was expanded by Congress and approved by President George Bush in August 1990, designating the month of November as a National American Indian Heritage Month; and

WHEREAS, in honor of National American Indian Heritage Month, the 2023 theme *Celebrating Tribal Sovereignty and Identity*, as well as numerous cultural, artistic, educational, and historical activities, have been planned;

Now, Therefore, be it Proclaimed that the Mayor and Town Council, declare November 2023 to be *National Native American Heritage Month* in the Town of Brentwood, Maryland.

ATTEST:

Rocio Treminio-Lopez, Mayor

Larry Moran, Town Clerk



Tuesday, November 1, 2023