MOTION: BruMar

**SECOND:** Young

October 12, 2023 Regular Meeting HRC RES 23-10

## RE: RESOLUTION TO DECLARE, AFFIRM AND RECOGNIZE THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2023 AS NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

## **ACTION:**

WHEREAS, during National Native American Heritage Month we celebrate the rich tapestry of indigenous peoples and honor their sacrifices, which we recognize as inextricably woven into the history of this country; and

WHEREAS Native Americans are descendants of the original, indigenous inhabitants of what is now the United States; and

WHEREAS, Native Americans have moving stories of tragedy, triumph and perseverance that need to be shared with future generations; and

WHEREAS, Native Americans have enriched our heritage and continue to add to all aspects of our society through their generosity of culture and the continued practice of teaching economic, environmental, and cultural sustainability; and

WHEREAS our country is blessed by the character and strength exemplified by the Native Americans who have answered the call of service in our armed forces in greater numbers per capital than any other group in the United States. We honor our Native American veterans and those who serve in active duty for their bravery and sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, during the month of November, we honor our native peoples in this, their ancestral home, and recognize their continued contributions in strengthening the diversity of our society.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Prince William County Human Rights Commission declares, affirms, and recognizes the month of November 2023, Native American Heritage Month and urges all residents to join in this observance.

## **Votes:**

Ayes: Johnston, Laos, Young, BruMar, Porter, Pratter, Baldwin, Ginoba

Navs: None

Abstained: None

**Absent from the meeting:** Muz

ATTEST:

**Executive Director**