MOTION: Baldwin **October 8, 2026**
Regular Meeting
SECOND: BruMar **HRC RES 26-15**

RE: RESOLUTION TO DECLARE, AFFIRM AND RECOGNIZE THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2026 AS NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

ACTION: Approved

WHEREAS, National Native American Heritage Month is celebrated each year in November. It is a time to celebrate the traditions, languages and stories of Native American and Alaska Native communities and ensure their rich histories and contributions continue to thrive with each passing generation.

WHEREAS, this year's theme Weaving together our past, present and future focuses on the failed policies of the past and moving into the present.

WHEREAS, National Native American Heritage Month serves as an important platform to honor the historical resilience, diverse heritage, and vibrant communities of Indigenous nations, while acknowledging the complex and often painful chapters of our shared history; and

WHEREAS, Native Americans possess profound stories of resilience, triumph, and perseverance in the face of historic injustices, continuing to enrich our collective heritage through the stewardship of culture, language, and economic, environmental, and cultural sustainability; and

WHEREAS, Native Americans have historically answered the call of duty and continue to serve in the United States Armed Forces at exceptionally high rates, displaying extraordinary bravery, honor, and sacrifice in defense of the nation; and

WHEREAS, during 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 2026 as Native American Heritage Month, and urges all residents to join in this observance by celebrating the rich history, culture, and ongoing contributions of Native Americans, and by committing to an equitable future rooted in respect, understanding, and collaboration.

Votes

Ayes: Young, Staubly, Baldwin, Porter, BruMar

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Absent from voting: Sparkes, Johnson

Absent from the meeting: Pratter, Ram. Young

ATTEST: _____

Executive Director