

# City of Petaluma

## Proclamation

### A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PETALUMA PROCLAIMING THAT THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER SHALL BE NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

**WHEREAS**, the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria, a federally recognized Tribe, is comprised of Southern Pomo and Coast Miwok people, and the lands now occupied by the City of Petaluma are the ancestral lands of the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria; and

**WHEREAS**, the Petaluma community acknowledges the Southern Pomo and Coast Miwok tribal histories, culture, contemporary issues, and the contributions of the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria to Sonoma County is vital to the understanding of the Tribe's origins and rich heritage; and

**WHEREAS**, the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria maintain a harmonious relationship with the ecology of this area, including knowledgeable and respectful harvesting of animals and plants; and

**WHEREAS**, the traditional cultural and ecological knowledge of the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria hold important values for our community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Petaluma community will benefit from more active and visible input of the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Kevin McDonnell, Mayor of Petaluma, along with the members of the Petaluma City Council, do hereby proclaims that the month of November shall be "Native American Heritage Month," to honor the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria, and the City Council encourages business owners, educators, artists, and all our citizens to participate in making November an occasion for joy, learning, collaboration and prosperity.

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*Kevin McDonnell, Mayor*

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*Caitlin Corley, City Clerk*