City of Poulsbo





PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, since time immemorial, Native Americans, Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians, and Indigenous peoples have built vibrant and diverse cultures-safeguarding land,

language, spirit, knowledge, and tradition across generations; and

WHEREAS, Indigenous people have played a vital role in every stage of our nation's history

and their contributions have enhanced the social, political, environmental, and economic well-being of the United States of America and local communities, like

Poulsbo; and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge the Indigenous People who called this land home before the

arrival of settlers and have been here since time immemorial; and

WHEREAS, the City would like to recognize that we are on the lands of the Suguamish Tribe

and acknowledge the history of dispossession that allowed for the growth of our

community; and

WHEREAS, the City offers respect to the Suquamish Tribe and their Elders, past, present, and

emerging, as well as all indigenous communities in Kitsap County, Washington

State, and across the nation; and

WHEREAS, our community reaffirms its commitment to respect and preserve the traditions

and culture and to honor the unique heritage of our first inhabitants;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rebecca Erickson, Mayor of the City of Poulsbo, Washington, do hereby proclaim November, 2025 as:

NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

In the City of Poulsbo and encourage all citizens to join me in recognizing this important initiative.

Dated this **21** day of October, 2025.

Rebecca Erickson, Mayor