

## *~PROCLAMATION~*

***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 capita than any other group in the United States. We honor our Native American veterans and those who are service in active duty for their bravery and sacrifice; and***

***WHEREAS, the City of Battle Ground renews its commitment to protecting the tribal sovereignty and self-determination of Native American peoples; and***

***WHEREAS, the City of Battle Ground is committed to engaging in dialogues, led by tribal communities, around the opportunities and work in which they are currently engaged in the areas of self-determination, sovereignty, and cultural preservation, in order to create an active government-to-government collaboration; and***

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

***NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mike Dalesandro, Mayor of Battle Ground, do hereby proclaim November 2018 as Native American Heritage Month and encourage all citizens to join in this observance.***



**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Battle Ground to be affixed this 5th day of November 2018.**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mike Dalesandro", is written over a horizontal line.

**Mayor Mike Dalesandro**