

## Proclamation recognizing November 2020 as National American Indian Heritage Month

**WHEREAS**, the history and culture of our great nation have been significantly influenced by American Indians and indigenous people; and

**WHEREAS**, the contributions of American Indians have enhanced the freedom, prosperity, and greatness of America today, and

**WHEREAS**, their customs and traditions are respected and celebrated as part of a rich legacy throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, Native American Awareness Week began in 1976 and recognition was expanded by Congress and approved by President George Bush in August 1990, designating the month of November, as National American Indian Heritage Month; and

WHEREAS, in honor of National American Indian Heritage Month, community celebrations as well as numerous cultural, artistic, educational, and historical activities are planned;

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Derek Webb, Mayor for the Town of Abingdon, by virtue of the authority vested in me as of do hereby proclaim November, 2020 as the National American Indian Heritage Month, in the Town of Abingdon, and urge all our citizens to observe this month with appropriate programs, ceremonies and activities.

Dated: November 2, 2020

Derek Webb Mayor