Proclamation

Office of the Mayor

Native American Heritage Month

WHEREAS, in 1990 President George H. W. Bush approved a joint resolution designating November 1990 "National American Indian Heritage Month." Similar proclamations, under variants on the name (including "Native American Heritage Month" and "National American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month") have been issued each year since 1994; and

WHEREAS, Native American Heritage Month is observed each November to honor the rich histories, diverse cultures, and important contributions of Native peoples, who were the first inhabitants of the United States and whose traditions and values continue to influence our nation today; and

WHEREAS, Florida is home to several Native American tribes, including the Seminole Tribe of Florida and the Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida, whose histories, languages, and customs remain integral to our state's cultural heritage; and

WHEREAS, Native Americans have made invaluable contributions to the arts, sciences, agriculture, public service, and military, and continue to play a vital role in shaping the social, cultural, and economic fabric of our communities; and

WHEREAS, this month serves as an opportunity to reflect upon the enduring strength, resilience, and sovereignty of Native Nations, as well as to recognize the injustices they have faced and the importance of preserving and celebrating their enduring legacies; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sunrise proudly joins communities across the nation in paying tribute to the wisdom, achievements, and traditions of Native peoples, and in reaffirming our commitment to fostering respect, understanding, and partnership among all cultures.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Michael J. Ryan, Mayor of the City of Sunrise, Florida, together with the City Commission do hereby proclaim the month of November 2025 as: **Native American Heritage Month** in the City of Sunrise and encourage all to learn more about Native American history and to celebrate the many ways Native peoples have enriched our nation's past and continue to shape its future.

Witness My Hand and Official Seal of
The City of Sunrise, Florida

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Michael J. Ryan, Mayor