## Agenda Lebanon City Council November 01, 2023

## 6. Recognitions:

- Proclamation in recognition of Native American Heritage Month

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1. Proclamation Recognizing Native American Heritage Month



## **PROCLAMATION**

## NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH – NOVEMBER 2023

**WHEREAS,** November 2023 is recognized nationally as Native American Heritage Month to celebrate and honor indigenous peoples and their diverse and rich cultures, histories and traditions; and

**WHEREAS,** the Abenaki people have inhabited what is now New Hampshire and Vermont for over 10,000 years, and the Abenaki people are active members of the community today; and

**WHEREAS**, the indigenous peoples of our region and the entire country have endured centuries of discrimination and mistreatment, but have persevered and maintained their culture in the face of these challenges; and

**WHEREAS,** The City of Lebanon desires to recognize both the historical importance of indigenous people in the region and our current residents of indigenous heritage; and

**WHEREAS,** The City of Lebanon values the importance of accurate historical memory and its critical role in building and sustaining a diverse, welcoming and informed community, and

**WHEREAS,** Native American Heritage Month provides an opportunity for our community to recognize, learn about and honor the indigenous people of our region;

**THEREFORE, BE IT NOW RESOLVED,** that the City of Lebanon proclaims November 2023 to be Native American Heritage Month and encourages every resident to recognize the importance of indigenous people in our history and as fellow citizens today.

Proclaimed this 1st Day of November in the year 2023.

Timothy J. McNamara Mayor, City of Lebanon