



**NATIONAL SOCIETY DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
AMERICAN INDIAN COMMITTEE**

PROCLAMATION

National American Indian Heritage Month

WHEREAS, the history and culture of our great nation has been significantly influenced by American Indians and indigenous peoples: 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 can be planned;

NOW THEREFORE, I Damien Boley, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of Smithville, MO, do hereby proclaim November as the National American Indian Heritage Month of 2023. I urge all our citizens to observe this month with appropriate programs, ceremonies and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand to this Proclamation on the 17th day of October, 2023.

Damien Boley, Mayor