

# City of Poulsbo

Office of Mayor Rebecca Erickson



## PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** since time immemorial, Native Americans, Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians, and Indigenous peoples have built vibrant and diverse cultures-safeguarding land, language, spirit, knowledge, and tradition across generations; and
- WHEREAS,** Indigenous people have played a vital role in every stage of our nation's history and their contributions have enhanced the social, political, environmental, and economic well-being of the United States of America and local communities, like Poulsbo; and
- WHEREAS,** we acknowledge the Indigenous People who called this land home before the arrival of settlers and have been here since time immemorial; and
- WHEREAS,** the City would like to recognize that we are on the lands of the Suquamish Tribe and acknowledge the history of dispossession that allowed for the growth of our community; and
- WHEREAS,** the City offers respect to the Suquamish Tribe and their Elders, past, present, and emerging, as well as all indigenous communities in Kitsap County, Washington State, and across the nation; and
- WHEREAS,** our community reaffirms its commitment to respect and preserve the traditions and culture and to honor the unique heritage of our first inhabitants;

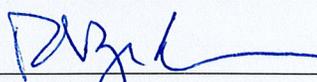
**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rebecca Erickson, Mayor of the City of Poulsbo, Washington,** do hereby proclaim November, 2024 as:

## NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

In the City of Poulsbo and encourage all citizens to join me in recognizing this important initiative.

Dated this 25th day of October, 2024.



  
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Rebecca Erickson, Mayor