

## CITY OF SEBASTOPOL Proclamation

Proclaiming Native American / Indigenous Heritage Month
November 2025

WHEREAS, the month of November has been designated as "National Native American Heritage Month," in recognition of the rich and diverse cultures, traditions, histories, and contributions of the Indigenous peoples of this land; and

WHEREAS, declaring November as "Native American Heritage Month" acknowledges both the harms of past policies toward Indigenous peoples and the resilience, sustaining knowledge, and leadership of Native communities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sebastopol is located on the ancestral lands and traditional territory of the Coast Miwok and Southern Pomo peoples, and we honor that legacy and the contributions of Indigenous communities to our region's history, culture, and environment; and

WHEREAS, celebrating Indigenous heritage enriches our community—by raising awareness of the past, fostering mutual respect, supporting Indigenous sovereignty, providing opportunities for truth-telling and healing, and strengthening partnerships between municipal government and Native Nations and communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Mayor Stephen Zollman, hereby proclaims November 2025 as "Native American / Indigenous Heritage Month" in the City of Sebastopol and encourage the community to engage with and support local Indigenous communities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the Great Seal of the City of Sebastopol this 4<sup>th</sup> day of November 2025.

Stephen Zollman, Mayor