

**City of San Rafael**  
**Proclamation in Recognition of**  
**NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH, 2023**

**WHEREAS,** November has been established as Native American Heritage Month by the United States and the State of California and is a time to remember and reflect on the diverse and rich cultures, histories, and traditions, of Native Americans, and to appreciate the past, present and ongoing contributions of Native Americans nationally, in our State and in Marin County; and

**WHEREAS,** Native American Heritage Month also must recognize the atrocities inflicted upon Native American tribes and tribal citizens; but also the various challenges faced by the Native Americans in the past and today; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of San Rafael acknowledges the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria, is a sovereign nation and the only federally recognized Indian Tribe, comprised of Coast Miwok and Southern Pomo peoples, whose cultural and ancestral territory includes Marin County and the City of San Rafael, has a government-to-government partnership with the National Park Service Point Reyes National Seashore and works in consultation with the Marin County Board of Supervisors, county staff, and the cities and towns in Marin County on issues of education, cultural resource protection, land management, environmental justice, and child welfare and social justice; and  
and

**WHEREAS,** during the month of November, we honor the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria in this, their ancestral homelands, and appreciate the Tribe's continued contributions in strengthening the diversity of our community; and

**WHEREAS,** we encourage everyone in our community to learn more about the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria, as we pause to reflect on their past, present, and future engagement and accomplishments.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Rafael hereby proclaim November 2023, as Native American Heritage Month, and encourages all citizens to join in observing and recognizing the accomplishments, contributions, and sacrifices of Native Americans, here in our local community and throughout the United States.



  
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**Kate Colin**  
**Mayor**