



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Native American Day is celebrated annually on the fourth Friday of September in California to honor the enduring culture, traditions, and contributions of Native Americans, the first inhabitants of this land; and

WHEREAS, the City of Glendale is located on the ancestral lands of the Gabrielino Tongva People, who have stewarded this region for thousands of years, and whose presence continues to enrich the cultural and historical fabric of our community; and

WHEREAS, Native Americans have played an integral role in shaping the history and culture of California, contributing to the richness and diversity of our state and city, while also advocating for the preservation of sacred lands, cultural traditions, and the natural environment; and

WHEREAS, the strength, resilience, and wisdom of Native American peoples serve as a testament to their enduring presence, and Native American Day offers an opportunity to reflect on the injustices they have faced, from displacement and loss of lands to ongoing struggles for recognition, respect, and equality; and

WHEREAS, Native American individuals and tribes continue to contribute to our society, including in the areas of education, art, public service, and leadership, while sharing their deep knowledge of environmental stewardship, traditional practices, and the importance of community; and

WHEREAS, it is vital for the City of Glendale to recognize the cultural heritage, historical significance, and contemporary contributions of Native American peoples, and to promote understanding, respect, and partnerships with Native communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Elen Asatryan, on behalf of the City Council and the City of Glendale, do hereby proclaim September 27, 2024, as

Native American Day

in the City of Glendale. We encourage all residents to join in recognizing the important contributions of Native Americans, and to honor the Gabrielino Tongva People, upon whose ancestral land we live and work, as we strive to preserve their rich heritage and support the well-being of future generations.

Elen Asatryan, Mayor
September 17, 2024