

PROCLAMATION

Native American Heritage Month November 2019

***WHEREAS**, November is nationally recognized as Native American Heritage Month which is a time to celebrate, foster, and promote the well-being of the Indigenous nations across the United States; and*

***WHEREAS**, the City of Santa Clarita takes this time to recognize the hardships and triumphs of Native American people throughout Santa Clarita and United States history; and*

***WHEREAS**, the Fernandeano Tataviam Band of Mission Indians descend from the lands now known as the City of Santa Clarita, as well as the San Fernando Valley, Antelope Valley, Simi Valley, and parts of the Angeles National Forest; and*

***WHEREAS**, the Santa Clarita Public Library has partnered with the Fernandeano Tataviam Band of Mission Indians to provide educational opportunities for the public to learn more about the rich heritage of Native American communities; and*

***WHEREAS**, Native American communities exemplify the best of who we are as Americans, yet less than one percent of children's books in 2018 were written by or about them; and*

***WHEREAS**, the American Indian Library Association and the Asian/Pacific American Librarians Association awarded the Santa Clarita Public Library System with a Talk Story Grant to celebrate and explore Native American stories, oral traditions, and art; and*

***WHEREAS**, the Santa Clarita Public Library and Fernandeano Tataviam Band of Mission Indians have created a set of book kits called Yawáyro: Indigenous Awareness & Literacy Development; and*

***WHEREAS**, the Yawáyro: Indigenous Awareness & Literacy Development book kits are available at all Santa Clarita Public Libraries to provide the public with an interactive, enriching experience that honors Native American heritage for years to come.*

***NOW, THEREFORE**, the City of Santa Clarita proudly proclaims November as Native American Heritage Month and encourages residents to honor Native American heritage by participating in the Talk Story program at the Santa Clarita Public Library.*

Signed this 12th day of November, 2019.

*Marsha McLean, Mayor
Santa Clarita, California*