# Resolution

## INDIGENOUS PEOPLES HERITAGE MONTH

**WHEREAS,** American Indian Heritage Month, also known as Indigenous Peoples Heritage Month, honors and celebrates the important history and heritage of tribal communities within North Carolina's recognized tribes and Indian organizations; and

**WHEREAS,** North Carolina is home to eight state-recognized tribes: the Eastern Band of Cherokee, Coharie, Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina, Haliwa-Saponi, Sappony, Meherrin, Occaneechi Band of the Saponi Nation, and the Waccamaw-Siouan; and

**WHEREAS,** Indigenous people of this area lived before forming bands west of the Mississippi when they were disgracefully forcibly displaced by the Federal Government through the Trail of Tears and Indian Removal Act during the 1800s, a period of Indigenous ethnic cleansing in our nation's history; and

**WHEREAS,** today, there are more than 130,000 North Carolinians who identify as American Indian, living in all 100 counties, making it the second-largest American Indian population east of the Mississippi River and the seventh-largest American Indian population in the United States; and

**WHEREAS,** the Town of Black Mountain recognizes Indigenous people have lived upon this land since time immemorial and values the progress our society has accomplished through the contributions of the Indigenous peoples' culture; and

**WHEREAS,** the Town of Black Mountain recognizes and celebrates Indigenous people and wishes to preserve and promote the history and culture of all Indigenous people.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Black Mountain Town Council that the month of November 2025 be proclaimed Indigenous Peoples' Heritage Month in the Town of Black Mountain and commend its observance to all citizens.

**Approved this, the 10th day of November 2025 upon a motion made by Council Member _____ and a vote of ___.**

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C. Michael Sobol, Mayor

Attest:

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Wesley M. Barker, Town Clerk