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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

Resolution No. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER NOEL GALLO

**RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2018 AS
"NATIONAL FIRST NATIONS MONTH"
CELEBRATING THE HERITAGES AND CULTURES OF
FIRST NATIONS PEOPLE AND THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF
THE FIRST NATIONS PEOPLE
TO THE UNITED STATES**

WHEREAS, the history and culture of our great nation have been significantly influenced by the First Nations and Indigenous peoples; and

WHEREAS, the contributions of the First Nations have enhanced the freedom, prosperity, and greatness of America today, and

WHEREAS, the First Nations customs and traditions are respected and celebrated as part of a rich legacy throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, there are 562 First Nations Tribes in the United States who exhibit unique cultures and contributions to our community; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Oakland, California are encouraged to learn about the history and heritage of the First Nations' people of this great land; and

WHEREAS, the Intertribal Friendship House (IFH) located in Oakland, CA was established in 1955 as one of the first - First Nations urban community centers in the nation, founded by the American Friends Service Committee to serve the needs of First Nations' people relocated from reservations to the San Francisco Bay Area; and

WHEREAS, Merritt College Inter-tribal Student Union has served the Oakland San Francisco Bay Area providing college information for the purpose of increasing the number of First Nations People into higher education, Oakland's Native American Health Center of Oakland and San Francisco, The American Indian Child Resource Center in Oakland, Intertribal Friendship House of Oakland, United Indian Nations Inc of San Leandro CA, The American Indian Film Institute of San Francisco, Friendship House of American Indians Oakland and San Francisco, Washoe Native TANF Program of Oakland, UC Berkeley Native American Studies Program and Recruitment, Stanford

University Native American Students all who have provided support services to the First nations People now therefore be it,

RESOLVED, that the Oakland City Council recognizes November 2018 as National First Nations' Month celebrating the heritages and cultures of First Nations people and acknowledges the contributions of the First Nations' people to the Unites States of America.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, CAMPBELL WASHINGTON, GALLO, GIBSON MCELHANEY, KALB, KAPLAN, AND PRESIDENT REID

NOES -
ABSENT -
ABSTENTION -

ATTEST:

LATONDA SIMMONS
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of the City of
Oakland, California