

# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, Especially today, we recognize Native Americans and honor all Indigenous Peoples on Planet Earth; and

**WHEREAS**, In Arizona, twenty-two federally recognized Tribal Nations have inhabited these lands continuously, prevailed against untold hardships and uphold their traditions; and

**WHEREAS**, The City of Scottsdale recognizes that Indigenous People are the original inhabitants of the Americas, living respectfully on this land and under the sky we now call Scottsdale; and

**WHEREAS**, The City of Scottsdale is enriched by the Penjamo Yaqui people, cousins of the Tohono O'odham, their Penjamo traditions are an integral part of City history; and

**WHEREAS**, The City of Scottsdale celebrates the positive and significant relations between our nearest neighbors The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, The Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation, The Gila River Indian Community, Tohono O'odham Nation, and the San Carlos Apache Tribe; and we welcome more social and cultural interactions; and

**WHEREAS**, Scottsdale residents and visitors alike, are drawn to our city due to Native American art and culture showcased throughout Scottsdale.

**THEREFORE**, I, David D. Ortega, the twelfth Mayor of the City of Scottsdale do hereby proclaim October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023 as

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and encourage everyone to appreciate the origin narratives, artwork, intricate family bonds, and to understand the ancient, living values of the Arizona Tribal Nations.

**In Witness Whereof**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Seal of the City of Scottsdale, Arizona.

  
David D. Ortega, Mayor of Scottsdale

  
Ben Lane, City Clerk

