



VILLAGE OF BOYS TOWN *Proclamation*

WHEREAS, we recognize that long before the establishment of the Village of Boys Town, this land was home to diverse Native peoples known as the Omaha, Ponca, Sioux and many others;

WHEREAS, we acknowledge the Federal and State policies that systematically sought to assimilate and displace Native people and eradicate Native cultures;

WHEREAS, the Native American culture and society are the roots of agricultural development, medicinal discoveries, environmental preservation, artistic contributions, and essential to our history;

WHEREAS, we affirm that Native American contributions have enhanced the freedom, prosperity, and greatness of America today;

WHEREAS, the Village of Boys Town celebrates National Native American Heritage Month, honoring the unique heritage of this continent's First Peoples, and reaffirming the commitment to respect each tribe, and each individual's cultural identity;

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE PROCLAIMED by Maria Lighthall, Associate General Counsel, on behalf of the Village of Boys Town, Nebraska, that November is

"NATIONAL NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH"

During National Native American Heritage Month, the Village of Boys Town, Nebraska joins the nation in recognizing the strength and resilience of Native Americans and their reassertion of place in these lands.

Duly adopted this 7th day of November 2023.

Maria Lighthall, Associate General Counsel
Village of Boys Town