

2020

### American Indian Heritage Month

Whereas: The history and culture of our great nation have been significantly Influenced by American Indians and indigenous peoples. Their Contributions have enhanced the freedom, prosperity, and greatness of America today as their customs and traditions are both respected and celebrated as part of a rich legacy throughout the United States; and

Whereas: Before the first Europeans arrived in what is now the state of Georgia, thousands of native Americans thrived on George's fertile soil and Minnie waterways and dozens of highly complex communities. Many tribes, including the Cherokee, Creek, Savannah, Timucua, Westco, Yamasee, Oconee, Seminole and Yuchi peoples, have lived in our state and made significant contributions to the betterment of our society; and

Whereas: Native Americans are a diverse group with a rich and multifaceted system of governments, languages, religions, values and traditions. During the month of November, our nation celebrates the culture and contributions of the first Americans; and

Whereas: Native American awareness week began in 1976 and recognition was expanded by Congress and approved by President George HW Bush in 1990, designating the month of November as national American Indian Heritage Month; and

Whereas: In honor of American Indian Heritage Month, community celebrations as well as numerous cultural, artistic, educational and historical activities will take place all across Senoia, Georgia; now

Therefore: I, William W. Pearman, Mayor of the City of Senoia, in the state of Georgia, do hereby proclaim November 2020 as American Indian Heritage Month in Senoia, Georgia to honor the unique heritage of a distinctive people.

**In Witness Whereof**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Senoia to be affixed this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of November in the year Of our Lord Two Thousand Twenty.

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