

**NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH
NOVEMBER 2022**

WHEREAS, in this month we take time to recognize and celebrate the heritage, culture, and contributions of the Native American Indian people to this great nation; and

WHEREAS, for ten thousand years or more the ancestors of the Ohlone Indians lived, gave birth, hunted, fished, harvested, grew old, and died here in the San Francisco Bay Area; and

WHEREAS, Andrew “Andy” Galvan is a descendant of the Ohlone Indians whose ancestral lands comprise the greater San Francisco Bay Region. His great-great-grandfather Chief Tarino laid the cornerstone of the first buildings at Mission San Jose; and

WHEREAS, Felipe “Phil” Galvan, Andrew’s father, named the institution “Ohlone College”, on June 18, 1967, to honor the early Ohlone Indians who inhabited the Fremont and Newark areas. The Ohlones or “People of the West” were distinguished by peaceful pursuits, especially in agriculture, and held a profound reverence for the earth, believing it was theirs for living and not for the taking; and

WHEREAS, in 1971 Andrew Galvan and other members of his family formed the Ohlone Indian Tribe Incorporated for the successful purpose of maintaining and preserving the Ohlones Indian Cemetery on Washington Boulevard in Mission San Jose which was threatened by the construction of I-680 and the Paseo Padre Parkway extensions.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Fremont, honors and recognizes the month of November, 2022 as Native American Heritage Month in the City of Fremont.