

**NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH
NOVEMBER 2023**

WHEREAS, we 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 here in the San Francisco Bay Area; and

WHEREAS, Andrew “Andy” Galvan is a descendant of the Ohlone Indians. 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 1990 President George Bush approved a resolution designating November as "National American Indian Heritage Month," ; and

WHEREAS, National American Indian Heritage Month is celebrated to recognize intertribal cultures and to educate the public about the heritage, history, art, and traditions of the Native American Indian.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Fremont, honors and recognizes the month of November, 2023 as Native American Heritage Month in the City of Fremont. By such actions we reaffirm our appreciation of and respect for their deeply held values and traditions, nurturing this important part of our culture for generations yet to come.