

NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH HONORING ANDREW GALVAN

WHEREAS, in this month of November 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, 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; and

WHEREAS, Andrew Galvan is the President of The Board of Directors of The Ohlone Indian Tribe, Inc., as well as President of the Board of Directors for the Committee for the Restoration of Mission San Jose and is a founding member of The California Missions Foundation; and

WHEREAS, the Fremont City Council honors Andrew Galvan and the entire Galvan Family for their significant contributions made to the City of Fremont and the San Francisco Bay Area on the preservation of Ohlone Indian Tribe information for the benefit of future generations; 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, 2021 as Native American Heritage Month in the City of Fremont; and encourages the community to learn more about the history and heritage of Native Americans in the Bay Area, the State of California, and the Nation. 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.