



Proclamation Recognizing November 2025 as Native American Heritage Month

WHEREAS, Gilpin County stands upon the ancestral lands of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, the original historic people of this region; and

WHEREAS, for generations before the arrival of settlers, the Cheyenne and Arapaho peoples lived, hunted, and traveled throughout the mountains and valleys of what is now Gilpin County, maintaining deep cultural, spiritual, and ecological connections to this land; and

WHEREAS, the County acknowledges that the Colorado Gold Rush and the establishment of mining settlements in the 19th century displaced Indigenous communities and disrupted traditional ways of life; and

WHEREAS, November is recognized nationally as Native American Heritage Month, honoring the history, culture, and contributions of Native peoples while encouraging reflection and education about their enduring presence and influence; and

WHEREAS, Gilpin County values this opportunity to recognize the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes and all Native peoples whose strength, resilience, and traditions continue to enrich our shared community;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of County Commissioners of Gilpin County, Colorado, does hereby proclaim November 2025 as Native American Heritage Month in Gilpin County, and encourages residents to honor and learn from the histories and living cultures of Indigenous peoples.

ADOPTED this 28th day of October, 2025.