



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, indigenous peoples have lived on the North American Continent since time immemorial; and

**WHEREAS**, Coast Salish peoples, including the Lummi Nation and Nooksack Tribe, have fostered their rich and vibrant culture here in this beautiful land that is today known as Whatcom County; and

**WHEREAS**, natives and non-natives have shared this community for many generations and the indigenous peoples of Whatcom County have demonstrated their resilience, strength and wisdom; and

**WHEREAS**, the indigenous peoples of Whatcom County have made significant sacrifices and contributions to our County, State and Nation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Nooksack Tribe and Lummi Nation demonstrated great kindness and generosity in sharing their allocation of life-saving vaccines; and

**WHEREAS**, Whatcom County wishes to preserve, promote and hold in high regard the history and culture of all tribes;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, do I, Satpal Singh Sidhu, Whatcom County Executive, hereby proclaim October 11, 2021, to be:

### ***Indigenous Peoples' Day***

in Whatcom County, and encourage all people in our community to join in recognizing and celebrating our friendship with the Nooksack Tribe, Lummi Nation and all other indigenous peoples.

Signed this 11<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2021

Satpal Singh Sidhu, County Executive

