

Office of the Mayor
Estes Park, Colorado



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the American Indians have endured and remain a vital cultural, political, social, and moral presence that has been an integral part of the American character. Tribal America has brought to this great country values and ideas that have become ingrained in the American spirit and culture: the knowledge that humans can thrive and prosper without destroying the natural environment; the understanding that people from very different backgrounds, cultures, religions, and traditions can come together to build a great country; and the awareness that diversity can be a source of strength rather than division.

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

WHEREAS, we celebrate American Indian Heritage Month while we take note of the injustices that have been suffered by American Indian people. Along with other Americans, American Indians and Alaska Natives will face new challenges in the coming century. We can ill afford to leave any of our people behind. Tribal America must figure as prominently in our future as it has in our past; and

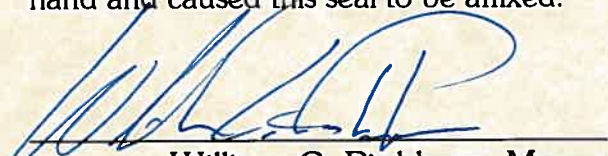
WHEREAS, Native Americans have visited the Estes Park area for several thousand years, and Old Man Mountain is, in fact, the oldest documented sacred Indian site in Colorado, used for "vision quests". And the Utes, and the Arapaho, came to the Estes Park area frequently in the summer, regarding it as prime hunting ground; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Board of Trustees of the Town of Estes Park proclaim November 2009 as

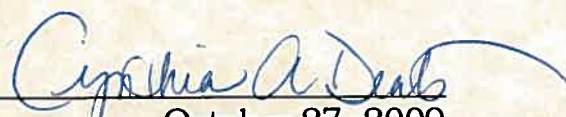
AMERICAN INDIAN HERITAGE MONTH

in recognition of the heritage, history, art, and traditions of American Indian people, and encourage citizens to commemorate these contributions with appropriate programs and activities.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal to be affixed.


William C. Pinkham, Mayor

Attest:


October 27, 2009