

NATIONAL AMERICAN INDIAN HERITAGE MONTH
NOVEMBER 2012

WHEREAS, the history and culture of our great nation have been significantly influenced by American Indians and indigenous peoples; and

WHEREAS, the contributions of American Indians have enhanced the freedom, prosperity, and greatness of America today; and

WHEREAS, their customs and traditions are respected and celebrated as part of a rich legacy throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, Native American Awareness Week began in 1976 and recognition was expanded by Congress and approved by President George Bush in August 1990, designating the month of November as National American Indian Heritage Month; and

WHEREAS, in honor of National American Indian Heritage Month, community celebrations as well as numerous cultural, artistic, educational and historical activities have been planned;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, J. H. Graham, III, Mayor of the City of Crossville, Tennessee, do hereby designate and proclaim November 2012 as **National American Indian Heritage Month** in our community, and urge all citizens to observe this month with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.