



Native American Heritage Month - November 2024

Native American Heritage Month has its origins in a week-long celebration initiated in 1986 by President Ronald Reagan. It was expanded to a month-long observance in 1990, coinciding with the month historically significant for Native American communities due to its connection with harvest season and traditional ceremonies. The month honors the diverse cultures, histories, and contributions of Indigenous peoples, while also acknowledging the painful legacy of colonization, displacement, and systemic injustices they have endured. It provides an opportunity to elevate Indigenous voices, promote awareness about contemporary issues facing Native communities, and advocate for the preservation of Indigenous languages, lands, and cultural practices.

HOW CAN WE CELEBRATE?

- We acknowledge that we are on the traditional territories of Coast Salish peoples
- View online exhibits from the **National Museum of the American Indian** at www.americanindian.si.edu
- Support **Native-owned businesses**. Find a directory at www.intentionalist.com
- **Connect with nature**. Find trails near you at www.wta.org
- Learn about **Native American history and culture** at www.nativehope.org/the-native-story



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