



Proclamation

WHEREAS, American Indians were the original inhabitants of the land known as Turtle Island, later to be called North America;

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

WHEREAS, the culture and traditions of American Indians have persevered through triumph and travesty and continue to be an integral part of the United States' history; 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, National American Indian Heritage Month is a time to celebrate and to educate the people of the nation about the rich history and contributions of its original inhabitants; and

WHEREAS, the O'ahu Native Nations Organization, a group of American Indians living, working and studying in Hawaii, raised and steeped in their respective native nations, plan to lead the celebration with song and dance presentations; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the challenges of today's world, we honor the words of Sitting Bull, (Dakota) 1831-1890, 'Let us put our minds together and see what life we can make for our children';

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim November 2021 as

“NATIONAL AMERICAN INDIAN HERITAGE MONTH”

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to recognize and honor the contributions of American Indians who have preserved and enhanced the freedom and opportunities that our country enjoys today.

Done at the State Capitol in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this first day of November 2021.



DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i