



National Native American Heritage Month

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November is National Native American Heritage Month. The Library of Congress, National Archives and Records Administration, National Endowment for the Humanities, National Gallery of Art, National Park Service, Smithsonian Institution, and United States Holocaust Memorial Museum join in paying tribute to the rich ancestry and traditions of Native Americans.

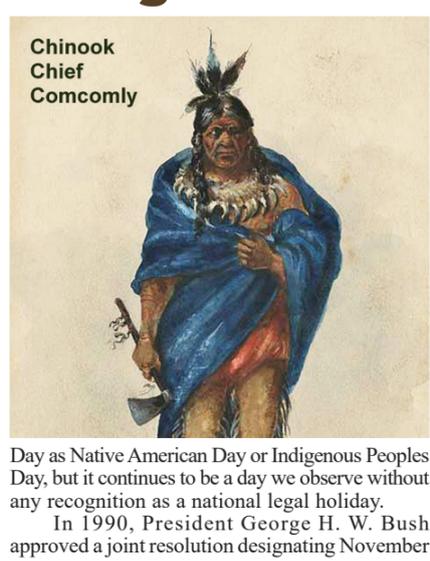
What started at the turn of the last century as an effort to gain a day of recognition for the significant contributions the first Americans made to the establishment and growth of the United States, has resulted in a whole month being designated for that purpose.

One of the first proponents of an American Indian Day was Dr. Arthur C. Parker, a Seneca Indian, who was the director of the Museum of Arts and Science in Rochester, New York. He persuaded the Boy Scouts of America to set aside a day for the "First Americans" and for three years they adopted such a day.

In 1915, the annual Congress of the American Indian Association meeting in Lawrence, Kansas, formally approved a plan concerning American Indian Day. It directed its president, Reverend Sherman Coolidge, an Arapahoe, to call upon the country to observe such a day. Reverend Coolidge issued a proclamation on September 28, 1915, which declared the second Saturday of each May as an American Indian Day and contained the first formal appeal for recognition of Indians as United States citizens.

The year before this proclamation was issued, Red Fox James, a Blackfoot Indian, rode horseback from state to state seeking approval for a day to honor Indians. On December 14, 1915, he presented the endorsements of twenty-four state governments at the White House. There is no record, however, of such a national day being proclaimed.

The first American Indian Day in a state was declared on the second Saturday in May 1916 by the governor of New York. Several states celebrate the fourth Friday in September. In Illinois, for example, legislators enacted such a day in 1919. Presently, several states have designated Columbus



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 Bid Date: November 4, 2020

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 NYC DEP Contract No: PS-277
 Bid Date: November 19, 2020

Description of project:
 The reconstruction of the 108th Street Pump Station consists of: relocation of Con Edison service, construction of new interim pump station, installation of interim pumps, yard piping, demolition and replacement of existing mechanical systems, installation of new permanent pumps, demolition and replacement of existing electrical and instrumentation systems, installation of new standby generator, new odor control system, furnishing and installation of new bridge crane, removal and disposal of hazardous materials.

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PPP Forgiveness Webinar Wednesdays
 Thursday, November 19, 2020, 11:30 am–12:30 pm Online
 Main Sponsor(s): US Small Business Administration
 Contact: Susan Mazza, 802-828-4422, susan.mazza@sba.gov
 Fee: Free; registration required

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the SBA Vermont District Office hosts a free daily webinar from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm Tuesdays and Thursdays to discuss Paycheck Protection Program forgiveness and other changes. To join the webinar, visit https://meet.lync.com/sba123/sbmazza/SFFM2N9R. To join by phone, call (202) 765-1264 and when prompted enter the code 237511921#. Upon joining the call, mute the phone to cut down on the background noise and please do not place the call on hold as the hold music will be heard over the presenter. For more information, email susan.mazza@sba.gov.

E-Commerce Advanced (Marketing Toolbox) Webinar
 Thursday, November 5, 2020, 1:00 pm–2:30 pm Online
 Main Sponsor(s): US Small Business Administration, Massachusetts Small Business Development Center
 Contact: Lynn Shedd, 413-545-6301, lshed@msbdc.umass.edu
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