



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.

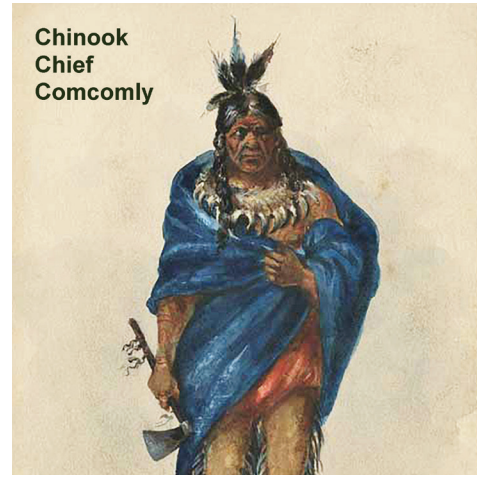
What started at the turn of the last century as an effort to gain a day of recognition for the significant contributions the first Americans made to the establishment and growth of the United States, has resulted in a whole month being designated for that purpose.

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



Day as Native American Day or Indigenous Peoples Day, but it continues to be a day we observe without any recognition as a national legal holiday. In 1990, President George H. W. Bush approved a joint resolution designating November

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Bid Date: December 1, 2021

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Van Wyck Expressway Capacity and Access Improvement to JFK Airport Contract 3 NYSDOT Contract No: D900053
Bid Date: December 15, 2021

Project overview: The project involves design-build services for the Van Wyck Expressway (VWE) Capacity and Access Improvements to JFK Airport—Contract 3. The project is located in Queens County, New York. The project will consist of constructing one additional travel lane, with high-occupancy vehicle (HOV) restrictions, in each direction of the Van Wyck Expressway (VWE) between Kew Gardens Interchange and JFK Airport, reconstructing and/or relocating the exit and entrance ramps within the project limits, constructing or reconstructing nine (9) bridges to accommodate the mainline widening, retaining wall reconstruction, noise barrier installation, and various utility work such as ITS (Intelligent Transportation System), drainage, and sewer.

Bidding opportunities: asphalt paving, concrete base pavement, trucking, fills, hauling and disposal, containers, landscaping, structural concrete, ready-mix concrete supply, concrete reinforcement, utilities, structural steel supply and erection, MPT, electrical, ITS, roadway lighting, signs and guardrail, sign structures, deep foundations (pile/micropiles, etc.), line striping, curb and sidewalks, sawcutting, sawcut grooving, bridge demolition, pavement demolition, support of excavation, precast barrier, cast in place barrier, bridge bearings, bridge expansion joints, fence, concrete retaining walls, asphalt milling, trailers, cleaning, furniture, computer services, clearing, hazardous material remediation (asbestos, lead, etc.), concrete sealing, contaminated soil disposal, environmental testing, vibration monitoring, settlement monitoring, survey, photography, rodent control, security, BIM modeling, painting, waterproofing, structural steel repairs, crack and spall repairs, community liaison, bird deterrent system, noise barriers, ornamental fence.

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Thursday, November 11, 2021, 1:00 pm–4:00 pm Online
Main Sponsor(s): US Small Business Administration
Contact: George Tapia, 610-382-3086, george.tapia@sba.gov
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How to Access the Woman-Owned Small Business Federal Contract Repository Webinar
Tuesday, November 16, 2021, 2:00 pm–3:00 pm Online
Main Sponsor(s): US Small Business Administration
Contact: Patrice Dozier, 404-331-0118, patrice.dozier@sba.gov

SBA and SOS Monthly Webinar
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Contact: Miguel Moralez, 603-225-1601, miguel.moralez@sba.gov
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