



**National Native American Heritage Month**

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.

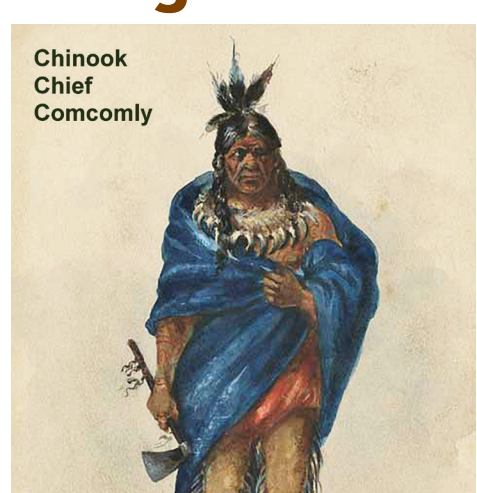
One of the first proponents of an American Indian Day was Dr. Arthur C. Parker, a Seneca Indian, who was the director of the Museum of Arts and Science in Rochester, New York. He persuaded the Boy Scouts of America to set aside a day for the "First Americans" and for three years they adopted such a day.

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 1990 National American Indian Heritage Month. Similar proclamations, under variations on the name (including Native American Heritage Month and National American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month), have been issued each year since 1994.



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 The Law Library of Congress has compiled guides to commemorative observations, including a comprehensive inventory of the Public Laws, Presidential Proclamations, and congressional resolutions related to Native American Heritage

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**Bid Date: November 28, 2017**

**Description of project:**  
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**Coney Island Yard Complex Long Term Flood Mitigation**  
**MTA NYCT Contract No. C-34836**  
**Bid Date: December 7, 2017**

**Description of project:**  
 Creation of a 12,000 LF flood protection wall (sheet piles, micropiles, jetgrout, and concrete), new drainage, upgraded pump stations, new drainage outfalls into Coney Island Creek, flood gates, vehicular gates, bridge hardening, and upgrades around the 100-acre NYCT Coney Island Yard Facilities in Brooklyn, New York; creation of a cable bridge across all three yards; communications, signal, and power work throughout all three yards, including new ductbanks and manholes; emergency alarm and telephone; trackwork in affected areas of construction; structural repairs to the historic Traction Motor Shop including upgrade to the exterior building wall.

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**Long Island City Yard Restoration and Resiliency Construction**  
**MTA LIRR Contract No. 6197**  
**Bid Date: November 2017**

**Description of project:**  
 The scope of work includes the reconstruction of Tracks 9–12 including the restoration of third rail systems; switch replacements; construction of car cleaning platforms; underground utility work (drainage, domestic water piping, and electrical traction duct banks); raise track profiles; traction and wayside power systems work; removal of petroleum contaminated soil. In addition, the work includes properly staging the work and minimizing impacts to operations. Early construction to support restoration and mitigation will also be part of the successful bidder's work, including the installation of third rail systems on tracks 7 and 8 (enhancing system resiliency) and including a fuel safety interlock.

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**Contact: Kerry Weinstein, 201-420-2347, [kerry.weinstein@hoboken.bccls.org](mailto:kerry.weinstein@hoboken.bccls.org)**  
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 At the core of all the talk about websites, social media, content marketing, and so on—there are three steps small businesses can and should take. This seminar shows how to tie together your business's product(s) and services, the importance of websites, and how content marketing is changing the marketing world.

**Boots to Business Reboot**  
**Friday, December 1, 2017, 8:00 am–5:00 pm**  
**Presque Isle Career Center, 66 Spruce Street, Presque Isle, ME**  
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**Contact: James Pineau, 207-945-2021, [james.pineau@sba.gov](mailto:james.pineau@sba.gov)**  
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**How SBA Can Help You Start and Grow (Chinese)**  
**Tuesday, November 28, 2017, 1:30 pm–4:00 pm**  
**Golden Imperial Palace, 618 62nd Street, 2nd Floor, Brooklyn, NY**  
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**Contact: Man-Li Lin, [man-li.lin@sba.gov](mailto:man-li.lin@sba.gov)**  
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**Three Steps to Engage Your Customers and Grow Your Business**  
**Tuesday, November 28, 2017, 6:30 pm–8:30 pm**  
**Hoboken Public Library, 124 Grand Street,**

