



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the history and culture of our great nation has been significantly influenced by American Indians and indigenous peoples;

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

WHEREAS, their customs and traditions are respected and celebrated as part of a rich legacy throughout the United States; 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 celebrates and recognizes the accomplishments of the peoples who were the original inhabitants, explorers and settlers of the United States; and

WHEREAS, each year, along with the rest of the nation, all Hawai'i chapters of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution plan cultural, artistic, educational, and historical activities to celebrate the heritage of American Indians. This year during the current pandemic, all celebration activities will be conducted with social distancing and proper COVID-19 protocol in place;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim November 2020 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 twenty-second day of October 2020.



DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i