

Honoring National Native American Heritage Month

November 1 – 30, 2022

Native American Heritage Month is celebrated every November to honor the remarkable Native Americans who have greatly contributed to improving the character of our nation. The 30-day recognition, also referred to as American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month is a time to rejoice in the diverse and rich cultures, histories, and traditions and to appreciate the great contributions of Native American people.

Brief History of Native American Heritage Month

Native American Heritage Month started originally as an effort to get one day each year to recognize appreciation and acknowledgment for the unique contributions made by the first Americans for the growth and establishment of the United States.

In 1915, the plan concerning American Indian Day was formally approved in the annual Congress of the American Indian Association meeting. The President of the American Indian Association, Rev. Sherman Coolidge, called upon the country to observe this day. The first time American Indian Day was declared in May 1916.

In 1990, a joint resolution was approved by George H.W. Bush, which called for November to be named Native American Heritage Month. Declarations like these have been issued since 1994, designating the month of November as the time to celebrate the culture, accomplishments, and contributions of people who were the first inhabitants of the United States.

Commemorating Native American Heritage Month

To commemorate Native American Heritage Month, we encourage you to discover the Native American history in our region. Ohio is home to many internationally-recognized Native American earthworks sites, and you don't have to travel far to experience their history.

Below is a list of the Native American sites within [Ohio History Connection's](#) network that you can visit during November:

[Fort Ancient Earthworks & Nature Preserve](#)

[Fort Jefferson Memorial Park](#)

[Fort Recovery](#)

[Logan Elm](#)

[Miamisburg Mound](#)

[Serpent Mound](#)

[Shrum Mound](#)