

WHY NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH MATTERS

Native American Heritage Month is a time to honor the rich histories, vibrant cultures, and enduring contributions of Indigenous peoples across the United States. This month coincides with the end of the traditional harvest season—a time of gathering and celebration in many Native cultures. From the original stewards of this land to today's leaders, artists, and advocates, Native Americans have shaped our nation through language, governance, environmental stewardship, and cultural resilience.

Today, nearly 600 federally recognized tribes continue to preserve and share their languages, customs, and stories. Native American Heritage Month invites us to reflect on the resilience of Native communities, recognize their diverse traditions, and deepen our understanding of tribal sovereignty, environmental stewardship, and cultural preservation.



There are many meaningful ways to participate and show support during Native American Heritage Month:

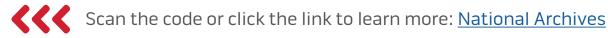








DISCOVER AND LEARN: Read books, watch documentaries, explore online exhibits, or listen to podcasts by Native authors or about Indigenous history.





ATTEND CULTURAL EVENTS: Engage with your local community or virtually to learn more about the traditions and contributions of Native communities.



Scan the code or click the link to learn more: National Park Service