



Native American Heritage Month

Despite a painful history marked by unjust Federal policies of assimilation and termination, American Indian and Alaska Native peoples have persevered. During National Native American Heritage Month, we celebrate the countless contributions of Native peoples past and present, honor the influence they have had on the advancement of our Nation, and recommit ourselves to upholding trust and treaty responsibilities, strengthening Tribal sovereignty, and advancing Tribal self-determination.

The COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted and exacerbated preexisting inequities facing Tribal Nations. Early in the pandemic, reported cases in the Native American community were over 3 times the rate of white Americans; in some States, Native American lives were lost at a rate 5 times their population share. Even as they shouldered a disproportionate burden throughout the pandemic, Tribal Nations have been paragons of resilience, determination, and patriotism — implementing key mitigation strategies like testing and prioritizing the vaccination of Tribal communities at high rates in order to save lives. Through it all, Tribal Nations have effectively utilized the tools of Tribal self-governance to protect and lead their communities, setting a standard for all of our communities to follow.

¹Proclamation No. 10302, 86 F.R. 60545 (2021, October 29).

Engage:

- [Land Acknowledgements Meant to Honor Indigenous People Too Often Do the Opposite](#) (6 min read)
- [The Struggle for Native Lands in Indianola, Washington](#) (5 min read)
- [All My Relations](#) Podcast (Listening times vary, approx., 50 min)
- [Native American Heritage Month - Seattle Public Library](#)
- [Ted Radio Hour: Sean Sherman: What Can We Learn From Indigenous Culinary Traditions?](#) (9 min listen)
- [Code Switch: Thank you, Next](#) (28 min listen)
- [Gather](#) (1 hr, 14 min watch)
- [Code Switch: Indian Boarding Schools' Traumatic Legacy, And The Fight To Get Native Ancestors Back](#) (4 min listen)
- [Fresh Air: 'Poet Warrior' Joy Harjo Wants Native Peoples To Be Seen As Human](#) (31 min listen)
- [Our Stories Are Your Stories: Native American Heritage Month](#) (1.5 min watch)
- [What Does Indigenous Reclamation Mean? Three Native Voices Discuss](#) (12 min read)
- [American Experience: We Shall Remain](#) (5 80-minute Episodes)
- [Indigenous teens fight to keep cultures alive in Seattle](#) (2 min read)
- [What Does it Mean to Be Indigenous in the 21st Century?](#) (3.5 min read)

Support:

- [Native Soul](#)
- [Off the Rez](#)
- [20 Indigenous and Native-Owned Businesses You Need to Know About](#) (6 min read)

Participate:

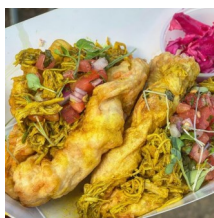
- [American Indian Film Festival](#) November 5-13, 2021
- [2021 Native Cinema Showcase](#) November 12-18, 2021
- [Matrilineal Matters: Contemporary Tlingit Artists & Beading Legacies with Dr. Megan A. Smetzer](#) November 16, 7PM PST, Registration Required
- [Historical Trauma and the Native American Boarding School Experience](#) November 18, 5:30PM PST, Registration Required
- [How to Celebrate Native American Heritage Month in Seattle](#) (8 min read)



How to Celebrate Native American Heritage Month in Seattle



What Does it Mean to Be Indigenous in the 21st Century



Native Soul Cuisine



'Poet Warrior' Joy Harjo Wants Native Peoples To Be Seen As Human