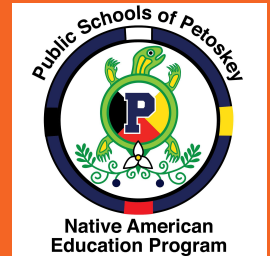

Indigenous Peoples' Day

October 9, 2023



What is Indigenous Peoples' Day?

Indigenous Peoples' Day honors the history, culture, and perspectives of Indigenous people and their ancestors who lived on the land known as North America.



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Indigenous Peoples' Day
is a federally recognized,
national holiday.

Background Info

→ Endorsements

Rev. Red Fox James traveled over 4,000 miles on horseback to seek support for a national holiday honoring the First Americans.

On December 14, 1915, he presented endorsements from 24 governors to President Woodrow Wilson at the White House.

→ 1912 - 1915

The Boy Scouts of America was one of the first groups to observe a day they set aside for the "First Americans".

→ October 8, 2021

President Biden proclaimed the official Indigenous Peoples' Day.

“To Speak & Act in the Right Way”

The Hailzaqv People

Modern Science, Native Knowledge



Tip

Native American and First Nations members value nature & often **work together** as stewards of the land. To see an example of this, click on the link.

“The Americans we know as American Indians and Native Americans were the first explorers and settlers of the areas that now make up the United States. Mountain or river, lake & valley, state & country, trail & town across the land bear American Indian names; they are lasting reminders of the presence & the significance of American Indians, not just in our geography but throughout the whole American history.

Many of the foods we eat & medicines & remedies we use were introduced by the Native Americans, and more than one highway follows the American Indian trail. Native Americans make contributions in every area of endeavor & American life. Our literature & arts draw upon the themes & wisdom. Countless American Indians have served in our armed forces & have fought valiantly for our country. All Americans are grateful for these lasting contributions.” -President Ronald Reagan

On November 24, 1986, **President Ronald Reagan** proclaimed the importance of ensuring that the entire nation recognize the contributions & importance of **Native Americans.**



What people say...

“This is a day for reflection, recognition & celebration of the role Native American people have played in U.S. History.”

-Joy Harjo
2019 U.S. Poet Laureate

“Indigenous Peoples’ Day recognizes the resilience of my ancestors & the legacy I carry with me.”

“One way to mark the day is to learn about the lands you live on.”

Celebrate Indigenous Peoples' Day!

