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Presidential Proclamation -- National Native American Heritage Month, 2011

NATIONAL NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE
MONTH, 2011

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

From the Aleutian Islands to the Florida Everglades, American Indians and Alaska Natives have contributed immensely to our country's heritage. During National Native American Heritage Month, we commemorate their enduring achievements and reaffirm the vital role American Indians and Alaska Natives play in enriching the character of our Nation.

Native Americans stand among America's most distinguished authors, artists, scientists, and political leaders, and in their accomplishments, they have profoundly strengthened the legacy we

will leave our children. So, too, have American Indians and Alaska Natives bravely fought to protect this legacy as members of our Armed Forces. As service members, they have shown exceptional valor and heroism on battlefields from the American Revolution to Iraq and Afghanistan. Native Americans have demonstrated time and again their commitment to advancing our common goals, and we honor their resolve in the face of years of marginalization and broken promises. My Administration recognizes the painful chapters in our shared history, and we are fully committed to moving forward with American Indians and Alaska Natives to build a better future together.

To strengthen our economy and win the future for our children, my Administration is addressing problems that have burdened Native American communities for too long. We are working to bolster economic development, expand access to affordable health care, broaden post-secondary educational opportunities, and ensure public safety and tribal justice. In June, I signed an Executive Order establishing the White House Rural Council, to strengthen Federal engagement with tribal governments and promote economic prosperity in Indian Country and across rural America. This comes in conjunction with several settlements that will put more land into the hands of tribes and deliver long-awaited trust reform to Indian Country.

To bring jobs and sustainable growth to tribal nations, my Administration is connecting tribal economies to the broader economy through

~ Karen Kitchen (Osage), Project Manager ~ Neva Lenk (Karuk), Student Support Specialist ~

~ Christine Bruno (Comanche), Community Agent ~ Jessica Yatteau, Community Agent ~

~ Alex Christopher (Eastern Band Cherokee) ~ Sunshine Guzman (Shoshone-Bannock), Tutor ~

~ Linda Hart (Turtle Mt. Chippewa), Tutor ~ Pam Smith, Administrative Assistant ~



transportation infrastructure and high-speed Internet, as well as by focusing on clean energy development on tribal lands. First Lady Michelle Obama's recently launched Let's Move! in Indian Country initiative will also redouble efforts to encourage healthy living for American Indians and Alaska Natives. These actions reflect my Administration's ongoing commitment to progress for Native Americans, which was reaffirmed last year when we announced our support for the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. Through a comprehensive strategy where the Federal Government and tribal nations move forward as equal partners, we can bring real and lasting change to Indian Country.

This month, we celebrate the rich heritage and myriad contributions of American Indians and Alaska Natives, and we rededicate ourselves to supporting tribal sovereignty, tribal self-determination, and prosperity for all Native Americans. We will seek to strengthen our nation-to-nation relationship by ensuring tribal nations have a voice in shaping national policies impacting tribal communities. We will continue this dialogue at the White House Tribal Nations Conference held in Washington, D.C. next month. As we confront the challenges currently facing our tribal communities and work to ensure American Indians and Alaska Natives have meaningful opportunities to pursue their dreams, we are forging a brighter future for the First Americans and all Americans.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BARACK OBAMA, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim November 2011 as National Native American Heritage Month. I call upon all Americans to commemorate this month with appropriate programs and activities, and to celebrate November 25, 2011, as Native American Heritage Day.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this first day of November, in the year of our Lord two thousand eleven, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-sixth.

BARACK OBAMA

STATE OF OREGON
PROCLAMATION
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS: Our country is home to an ancient, noble and enduring native culture. By working together, government to government, on important education, economic and energy initiatives, we strengthen Oregon and help build a future of hope and promise; and

WHEREAS: National American Indian Heritage Month honors the contributions and accomplishments of American Indians and Alaska Natives. We remember the legacy of the first Americans and celebrate their unique economic, spiritual, artistic, and literary contributions, customs and celebrations that enrich our land; and

WHEREAS: The heritage and contribution of Native Americans and Indian tribes help make Oregon economically, culturally and spiritually stronger; and

WHEREAS: There are nine federally recognized tribes in Oregon. Each of these tribes have collaborated with state and federal agencies and continues to develop active partnerships with surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS: The month of November will be a time for Oregonians to celebrate the heritage, culture, spirit and contributions of American Indians.

NOW,

THEREFORE: I, John A. Kitzhaber, M.D., Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim November 2011 to be

**NATIONAL AMERICAN INDIAN
HERITAGE MONTH**

in Oregon and encourage all Oregonians to join in this observance.

IN WHITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Great Seal of the State of Oregon to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Salem in the State of Oregon on this day, October 18, 2011.





CITY OF
PORTLAND

Whereas

Whereas, Native Americans, the indigenous peoples of this land, flourished with vibrant cultures, had one of the largest areas of trade economy and were the original stewards of Mother Earth, such as in Portland, the confluence between the mighty Columbia and Willamette Rivers; and

Whereas, the city of Portland now rests on the ceded lands of the Tualatin, Kalapuya, Clackamas and Chinook peoples; and

Whereas, Indigenous People hand down oral histories, science, governance a distinct relationship with water, land, rocks, trees birds, fish and animals and invaluable cultural knowledge and rich traditions that continue to thrive in Portland; and

Whereas, Indigenous People have been here 10,000 years – time immemorial – continue to contribute immeasurably to our country, state, and city’s heritage, distinguishing themselves as scholars, veterans, teachers, athletes, artists, entrepreneurs and leaders; and

Whereas, the Indigenous population of Portland is the 9th largest in the United States with nearly 60,000 people, descended from more than 380 tribes/bands in the Portland area; and

Whereas, the community continues to contribute to the cultural fabric of Portland through many events throughout the year such as pow wows, festivals, celebrations and active community organizations;

Now, therefore, I, Sam Adams, Mayor of the City of Portland, Oregon, the “City of Roses,” do hereby proclaim November 2011 to be

Native American Heritage Month

in Portland, and encourage all residents to observe this month.



CITY OF PORTLAND NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH Native American Marketplace

Friday, November 18th, 2011 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Location: Conference Room C on the 2nd Floor of the Portland Building at 1120 SW Fifth Avenue, Portland, OR 97204 Free and open to the Public

OREGON PUBLIC BROADCASTING CELEBRATES NATIVE HERITAGE MONTH

OPB and OPB Plus will feature the following shows during November and early December:

- **Power Paths:** American Indian tribes explore ways to bring renewable energy projects into their communities. **Nov. 17th, 8 PM.** Repeats **Nov. 19th, 5 AM**
- **Jim Thorpe: World’s Greatest Athlete, Nov. 17th, 7 PM**
- **We Still Live Here** tells the astonishing story of the return of a Native American language that was silenced for more than a century. Celebrated every Thanksgiving as “the Indians” who saved the Pilgrims from starvation and then largely forgotten, the Wampanoag of Cape Cod and Martha’s Vineyard are now saying loud and clear, and in their Native tongue “**Âs Nutayuneân –We Still Live Here.**” Spurred on by an indomitable linguist named Jessie Little Doe, the Wampanoag are bringing their language and their culture back. **Dec 1st, 7 PM; Dec 3rd, 8 PM**
- **Reel Injun: On the Trail of the Hollywood Indian** – explores the “Hollywood Indian” the portrayal of American Natives through a century of cinema. **Dec. 1st, 8 PM;**

NEW SITE COMING SOON!

Check out <http://ourmothertongues.org/> to discover America’s First Languages! At this site you will be able to see additional video material filmed for We Still Live Here, and more!

PPS Title VII Indian Education
is proud to offer a free screening of
We Still Live Here
7 PM on Nov 30th at Jefferson HS.

All are welcome!

Please RSVP to 503.916.6499



MOCCASIN KEY CHAIN WORKSHOP

Location: Indian Ed. office at Jefferson HS, 5210 N. Kerby.

Date: Tuesday, November 15, 6 – 8 PM

Learn how to make a little moccasin key chain in this fun two-hour workshop. Each session is limited to 15 participants, grades 2 and up. Parents are welcome and encouraged to participate.

There are still a few slots available for the November 15th session, so please call 503.916.6499.

There is no cost, and all materials are provided!

SAFE HOME PARENTING GROUP

Every Thursday, 4pm - 6pm

Location: NAYA Family Center, 5135 NE Columbia Blvd., Portland, OR 97218

Contact: Nora Farwell, Parent Involvement Advocate, 503.288.8177 x234, noraf@naya.pdx.org Join us for an interactive and informative drop-in parenting group designed especially for young and first-time parents. Learn fun games to do with your children that will create a positive learning environment. We will discuss baby and child development and ways to celebrate these important milestones. You'll have an opportunity to learn hands-on parenting skills, and share what works BEST FOR YOU!

NARA YOUTH NIGHT

Thursdays, Dinner at 5:30 PM, Activities: 6:00-8:30 PM

Location: 1776 SE Madison, Portland, OR 97205

Contact: Shane Lopez-Johnston, NARA 503.953.6071, slopez@naranorthwest.org, or Solomon Trimble, 503.953.6496, stribble@naranorthwest.org All youth ages 9 - 21 are invited.

Have fun! Meet other Native youth in the Portland Metro area.

Participate in activities that are Recreational, Cultural, Spiritual, and Educational.

INDIGENOUS WAYS OF KNOWING Presents

IWOK SUMMER ACADEMY

June 17 – June 29, 2012

Twenty-five Native American students will participate in a two-week summer academy on the Lewis & Clark College campus. The purpose is to provide academic and social preparation for postsecondary education. The Academy will bring the lens of indigenous knowledge and issues to topics of academic study and involve families of participants to help support student's future college aspirations. The Academy is designed from the perspective that Native identities exist within the context of the family, the Tribe(s) of origin, and the larger community in which an individual lives. Academic Sessions will include: The College Search, Applications, and Financial Aid as well as SAT Preparation. Applications will be available in December. **Application deadline will be April 1st.** This program is FREE for Native Students who are invited to attend. This program is made possible through a generous grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

COLLEGE HORIZONS

June 10 -15: Kenyon College (Gambier, OH)

June 24 – 29: University of Pennsylvania (Philadelphia, PA)

College Horizons is a summer pre-college workshop for 10th & 11th grade high school students. During the week long intensive "crash course" in preparing the best college application, students get to work one-on-one with 45 admissions officers and expert college counselors to:

- Develop and research a list of schools to apply to;
- Write a memorable college essay;
- Complete the Common Application;
- Receive test-taking strategies (on the ACT./SAT);
- Explore financial aid/scholarship opportunities

Please take advantage of this amazing opportunity to receive expert help in applying to college! For an application or more information contact our Indian Education office at 503.916.6499 or visit www.collegehorizons.org

COLLEGE NIGHT IN OREGON

Monday, Nov. 14, 2011

High school students get answers to their questions about college admissions, the financial aid process and searching for scholarships. Sessions are held simultaneously at several sites across the state. Participants will enjoy free pizza and soda and a chance to win a \$500 scholarship. For locations and details, go to www.collegenightor.org

COLLEGE GOAL OREGON

January 7, 14, 21, & 28

Four free, one-day events at more than 20 sites statewide to help students fill out their FAFSA and learn about available funding. For locations and details go to www.CollegeGoalOregon.gov

The **OSAC 2012-2013 SCHOLARSHIP GUIDE** for Oregon students is available at <http://oregonstudentaid.gov/resources-publications-info.aspx>. Remember the Oregon Scholarship Application online has an **Early Bird** deadline of **February 16, 2012** and a **final deadline** of **March 1, 2012**.

NEED MONEY FOR COLLEGE?

Check out Individual Development Accounts (IDA) for Education. Would you like to receive \$3 for every \$1 you save? See if you qualify by contacting Tamara Henderson, NAYA Youth & Family Center, 503.288.8177, x369 or tamarah@naya.pdx.org You can use the money saved for tuition, fees, and textbooks. Call Tamara today to see if you can take advantage of this terrific opportunity!



PORTLAND STATE UNIVERSITY'S DIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP

Eligibility requirements:

- High-school students with fewer than 30 college credits or GED completion (55 total score)
- Current PSU undergraduates or incoming transfer students, with a minimum of 30 college credits but **no more than 160 credits**, and a **2.50** college-level GPA
- Students must be working to complete their first bachelor's degree.
- Admission to Portland State starting no later than fall term 2012.

For more information, contact **Dean Azule at the NASCC, 503.725.5348.**

PSU FILM SERIES

PSU's Native Student and Community Center is located at 710 SW Jackson St. To celebrate Native Heritage Month, they are hosting a film series called "**Reclaiming our Waterways as Highways.**" "This collaborative effort celebrates Native American Heritage Month and Social Sustainability Month. We do not have to rely on fossil fuels, hydroelectric dams and other energy sources for travel. Indigenous peoples across the world have been traveling without leaving devastating ecological footprints for thousands of years. Come meet three Nations that have returned to the canoe."

Nov 10, 2011

3 PM: Canoe Way: The Sacred Journey

7 PM: Chinook Canoe Family

7:50 PM: Maori Voyage Across the Pacific

8:10 PM Hawaiian International Canoe Races

Additional video screenings of **Canoe Way: The Sacred Journey** will be shown throughout the week: Nov 7, 2 PM; Nov 8, 2 PM, Nov 9, 11 AM; Nov 10, 3 PM

More info/questions, contact Rachel Cushman@ 503.725.9697
rcushman@pdx.edu

HEALING FEATHERS WORKSHOP

Nov. 29th, 6 – 8 PM, Room 180 Stress Relief Workshop

Location: NASCC, 710 SW Jackson St.

SPOTLIGHT ON NATIVE ACHIEVEMENT

Congratulations to PPS Title VII student Alyssa Bahe (Burns-Paiute) for her outstanding performance in the High School Division at the AIGS Oratory Celebration during the 42nd Annual National Indian Education Association Convention held on October 29, 2011 in Albuquerque New Mexico! As the first place winner, Alyssa received \$100 along with an award certificate, and Starbucks gift card. (December's Talking Circle will feature an interview with Alyssa!)

Second place winner was Leanne Lucero-Smith (Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Indians); Third place winner was Keeyana Yellowman (Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Indians). Both Leanne and Keeyana attend Madras High School. Congratulations to all of these young Native achievers who represented their families, tribes and communities, and Oregon in the national spotlight! We are so very proud of you!

Dolores Pigsley received the *Ecotrust Indigenous Leadership Award* on November 2nd for over 32 years of her work in support of her Siletz tribal community. She holds the record for the longest time a woman has served on a Tribal Council in the Northwest, serving 26 years as Tribal chairman. She has worked passionately to preserve Tribal sovereignty and protect tribal interests. In October she received one of four *Women Leaders of Oregon* awards from the Center for Women, Politics & Policy at Portland State University. In August, Pigsley was honored by Women Empowering Women in Indian Nations (WEWIN) for her contributions to Indian Country, The Siletz Tribe, and to women in the community.

Congratulations to Reynolds Title VII parent Tonie Driver for her advocacy, research, and determination to secure the right for her daughter, Mykilee, to attach an eagle feather on her graduation cap when she graduates in June 2012. Through her research and perseverance, she learned that Oregon does not have a statewide policy regarding adornments on graduation dress. To read about this major accomplishment that protects the right of all American Indian and Alaska Native students throughout Oregon to have culturally significant adornment on their graduation dress, visit <http://www.grandronde.org/news/articles/tribal-staff-help-troutdale-woman--fight-for-the-feather--at-daughter-s-graduation/>. Indian Country Today Magazine also did an interview with Tonie and Mykilee, and a photo shoot at Reynolds High School, so look for their story to go national!

"There is a critical need for a highly educated Native citizenry. Native scholars need to possess understandings of their work in the context of specific and global Tribal interests. Beyond mainstream education, Tribal scholars must possess skills to articulate and address disciplinary issues in terms of Sovereignty and laws bearing on Tribes and customs."

- Roy H. Sampsel (Choctaw and Wyandotte Tribes)



THE PEOPLE ARE DANCING AGAIN

The Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians invites you to participate in the joyous celebration at their 34th Annual Restoration Pow Wow on Saturday, November 19th at the Chinook Winds Casino Resort, 1777 NW 44th St., Lincoln City, OR. Vendors open at 11 AM; Grand Entry: 6 PM. All drums & dancers welcome!

2011 CHEMAWA INDIAN SCHOOL VETERANS POWWOW

Location: 3700 Chemawa Road NE, Salem, OR

Contact: Crystal Boyd, 503.399-5721, ext 225

Honoring all veterans, this annual commemoration will be held on Nov. 12th with grand entries at 1 PM & 6 PM. Pow wow will be held in the gym. Free admission, and the public is welcome. Enjoy dancing, singing, fry bread, and crafts while supporting Chemawa student clubs.

LINCOLN CITY CULTURAL CENTER NATIVE HERITAGE MONTH EVENTS

Celebrate Native American Heritage Day on Nov 12 with an afternoon of Native American food, dance and culture – **Free!** This event begins at 1 PM and features a traditional salmon bake, Native arts & crafts, and Turquoise Pride Drum—intertribal dance & drum group led by James Thinn. The Chessman Gallery will feature “**Faces From the Land**” photography exhibit, “**Baskets, Beads and Regalia: Cultural Treasures from the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians**,” and “**Native American Women: Three Who Changed History**” with author Gloria Linkey. For more information contact the Lincoln Cultural Center at 541.994.9994. The Center is located within the historic Delake School at 540 NE Highway 101 in Lincoln City.

On Nov. 18th, Turtle Island storyteller **Esther Stutzman** will be featured in a free show in the auditorium at 7 PM. Esther is Coos and Komemma Kalapuya, and an enrolled member of the CTSI. Telling Coos and Kalapuya stories, she also travels with Kalapuya basket hats, cradleboards and other family heirlooms.

SATURDAY ACADEMY

Thanks to the generosity of the Howard Vollum Scholarship Fund of the Oregon community Foundation, Title VII students in grades 5 – 12 may apply to receive full funding for one STEM related class per term. Visit the web site at www.saturdayacademy.org or pick up a catalogue in your school's office to see class offerings and schedules. Then call the Indian Education program at 503.916.6499 to get signed up. Don't delay, as the tuition waivers are limited, and going quickly!

SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY WRITING WORKSHOP

Presented by PSU and The Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians Featuring guest speaker **Sherie Guess, PSU Diversity Scholarship Programs Coordinator**. This workshop will demonstrate techniques on how to write an essay that will help you obtain college scholarships! Date: **Saturday, Dec. 17th at PSU's NASCC**, 710 SW Jackson. Workshop begins at **10 AM and ends at noon**. A light lunch will be provided at the end of the session. For more info: Katy Holland 503.238.1512 katyk@ctsi.nsn.us or Dean Azule 503.725.5348 azuled@pdx.edu

SCHOLARSHIP WRITING WORKSHOP

Christa Moya from the American Indian Graduate Center (AIGC) will facilitate a Gates Millennium Scholarship workshop on Nov. 28th from 3 - 5 PM at PSU's NASCC, 710 SW Jackson St. Light refreshments will be served. For more info, or to register please contact Dean Azule at 503.725.5348 or azuled@pdx.edu

CALENDAR:

Event details are outlined in the preceding pages

- Nov 10th, Beginning at 3PM, PSU Film Series
- Nov 12th, 1PM/6PM Grand Entry, Chemawa Veterans Pow Wow
- Nov 12th, 1PM, Lincoln City N.A.H.M presentations @ Delake School
- Nov 14th, College Night in Oregon
- Nov 15th, 6—8PM, PPS Indian Ed. Moccasin Keychain Class
- Nov 17th, 10AM—12PM, PSU NASCC Essay workshop
- Nov 17th, 7—9PM, OPB presentations for N.A.H.M.
- Nov 18th, 7PM, Lincoln City N.A.H.M. presents Esther Stutzman, storyteller
- Nov 19th, 11AM Vendors & 6PM Grand Entry, Siletz Restoration Pow Wow
- Nov 28th, 3—5PM, PSU NASCC Gates Millennium Scholarship Workshop
- Nov 29th, 6—8PM, NASCC presents Stress Relief Workshop
- Nov 30th, 7PM, PPS Indian Ed. Screening of We Still Live Here
- Dec 1st, 7—9PM, OPB presentations for N.A.H.M.
- Jan 7th, 14th, 21st, & 28th, College Goal Oregon

Portland Public Schools recognizes the diversity and worth of all individuals and groups and their roles in society. All individuals and groups shall be treated with fairness in all activities, programs and operations, without regard to age, color, creed, disability, marital status, national origin, race, religion, sex or sexual orientation.