The State of Washington

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Washington State is home to 29 federally recognized Indian tribes who play a vital role in the social, political, and economic fabric of the state; and

WHEREAS, members and descendents of tribes from all over the country also reside in the state of Washington; and

WHEREAS, the many contributions of American Indians have enhanced freedom, prosperity, and the cultural diversity of this state; and

WHEREAS, citizens of Washington are very proud of the history and heritage of American Indians in this state, and recognize their many contributions to the economy, culture, arts, natural resources, education, and industries; and

WHEREAS, Washington joins other states across the nation in celebrating American Indian Heritage Month in honor of this continent's First People;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Christine O. Gregoire, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim November 2011 as

American Indian Heritage Month

in Washington State, and I urge all citizens to join me in this special observance.

Signed this 28th day of October, 2011

Governor Christine O. Gregoire