



John Bel Edwards

GOVERNOR

Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** the history and culture of the State of Louisiana has been strongly influenced by American Indian tribes; and
- WHEREAS,** the contributions of American Indians have enhanced the freedom, prosperity and greatness of our state and nation; and
- WHEREAS,** their customs and traditions are respected and celebrated as part of a rich legacy throughout the United States; and
- WHEREAS,** we remain committed to preserving and protecting American Indian cultures, languages and history, while ensuring prosperity and opportunity for all American Indians; and
- WHEREAS,** it is essential that all Louisiana citizens learn about the contributions and history of American Indians; and
- WHEREAS,** Native American Awareness Week began in 1976 and recognition was expanded by Congress and approved by President George H.W. Bush in August 1990, and every president since, including President Donald J. Trump has designated the month of November as National American Indian Heritage Month; and
- WHEREAS,** in honor of National American Indian Heritage Month, community celebrations as well as numerous cultural, artistic, educational and historical activities have been planned.
- NOW, THEREFORE,** I, John Bel Edwards, Governor of the State of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim November 2019 as

AMERICAN INDIAN HERITAGE MONTH
in the State of Louisiana.



*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand
officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the
State of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the City of
Baton Rouge, on this 1st day of November
A. D., 2019.*


Governor of Louisiana