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 State are very proud of the history and heritage of American Indians in this state, and recognize the many contributions made by American Indian citizens 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, honoring the unique heritage of this continent's First Peoples, and reaffirming a commitment to remember their contributions to our nation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Christine O. Gregoire, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim November 2005 as

American Indian Heritage Month

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

Signed this 17th day of November, 2005

Christine Gregoire

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