



PROCLAMATION

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, American Indians have inhabited North America for at least 12,000 years, and have shared their knowledge of the land and its resources since their initial contact with the first European settlers who landed on our shores; and

WHEREAS, American Indian culture and society are at the roots of agriculture development, medicinal discoveries, environmental preservation, commerce, governmental institutions and structure, and many other facets of our state and nation; and

WHEREAS, through mutual honor and respect for the rich heritage of the state's American Indian tribes, we share in celebrating the beauty and cultural significance that lives and thrives in today's American Indians through their songs, dances, arts, crafts, and traditional spirituality; and

WHEREAS, Alabama is the home of nine recognized Tribal Governments who are commended for their leadership in economically supporting state tourism, historical preservation and education through Pow Wows, festivals, motorcycle rides, and Indian education programs:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Riley, Governor of the State of Alabama, do hereby proclaim, November 2005, as

American Indian Heritage Month

in the State of Alabama.



Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the Office of the Governor at the State Capitol in the City of Montgomery on the 18th day of November 2005.



Governor Bob Riley