



STATE OF ALABAMA
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, Alabama is the home of thousands of persons who proudly acknowledge their Indian heritage and who descend largely from the great Cherokee, Choctaw, and Creek tribes, the original Alabamians; and

WHEREAS, seven American Indian tribes can be found in our state: the Cherokees of Northeast Alabama, the Cherokees of Southeast Alabama, the Echota Cherokee Tribe, the MaChis Lower Creek Indian Tribe, the MOWA Band of Choctaw Indians, the Poarch Band of Creek Indians, and the Star Clan of Muscogee Creek Indians; and

WHEREAS, Alabama's Indians wish to share aspects of their heritage with all our state's citizens with a celebration which will bring together Indian people from throughout Alabama and the southeast for the purpose of sharing their heritage with all Alabamians:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Fob James, Jr., Governor of the State of Alabama, do hereby proclaim November 2 through 8, 1997, as

American Indian Heritage Week

in Alabama, and I join with these groups in inviting all Alabamians to experience and celebrate this state's rich Indian heritage.



*GIVEN UNDER MY HAND and the
Great Seal of the Governor's Office at
the State Capitol in the City of
Montgomery on this 22nd day of
September, 1997.*

Fob James Jr.
FOB JAMES, JR.