# Proclamation

## By the Governor of Alabama

***WHEREAS***, *American Indians have inhabited North America for thousands of 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 Alabama, do hereby proclaim November 2008, 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 5th day of November 2008.*

*Governor Bob Riley*