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**Utah Celebrates American Indian Heritage Month**  
*Awards Event Planned in Salt Lake City*

Salt Lake City -- Governor Gary Herbert issued a declaration that November be observed as 'American Indian Heritage Month and the Monday proceeding Thanksgiving as Indigenous Day.' Highlighting events planned during the month will be the celebration at the Indigenous Day Awards dinner, Monday, November 23, at the State Capitol. The Division of Indian Affairs will honor Utahns who have made outstanding contributions to American Indians in the state. This year's theme is 'Tomorrow's Hope: Native Children of America.'

During the month, Utah students are encouraged to study the history of the state's American Indians and to view the curriculum that was created for the *We Shall Remain* documentaries produced by KUED. The curriculum can be viewed at [www.utahindian.org](http://www.utahindian.org).

I take pride in calling attention to the American Indian presence in the State of Utah and honoring the five Indigenous nations: Goshute, Navajo or Dine', Paiute, Shoshone, and Ute," said Forrest Cuch, director of the Utah Division of Indian Affairs. "The division joins the Utah tribes in wishing everyone an enjoyable upcoming Thanksgiving Day and holiday season."

American Indian Heritage Month activities (all open to the public) include:

November 5	Return of Massasoit statue to State Capitol site
November 11	American Indian Veteran's Day Walk and Pow Wow
November 14	Indian Walk-in Center Pow Wow
November 26 – 28	Ute Tribe Thanksgiving Pow Wow

The Division of Indian Affairs is within the Utah Department of Community and Culture. For questions regarding American Indian Heritage Month, contact the Division of Indian Affairs at 801.538.8808.

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