

NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH 2020



DID YOU KNOW?

According to the U.S Census Bureau, the estimated population of American Indians and Alaska Natives, including those of more than one race, as of July 1, 2007, was 4.5 million, or 1.5 percent of the total U.S. population.

BACKGROUND

Since 1900, many have sought to recognize the great influence Native Americans and Alaska Natives have had on the history, cultural development, and continuing growth of the U.S. In 1990, the month of November was chosen because it is traditionally a time when many in these communities gather for fall harvest festivals, ceremonies, and powwows. The Health Resources and Services Administration remains committed to addressing the unique health care challenges of Native Americans and Alaska Natives through our ongoing initiatives that positively impact Indian Country.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

The National Museum of the American Indian in Washington D.C is the first national museum in the United States dedicated solely to Native American heritage. It highlights over 12,000 years of history across more than 1,200 indigenous tribes and cultures. Visiting the location will give you many people the opportunity to learn about the different tribes, cultures, and Native American diplomats that have helped form this country.



HRSA's Office of Health Equity, Tribal Health Affairs focuses on activities that reflect the agency's commitment to honoring and strengthening the unique government-to-government relationship with tribes.

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