


Executive Department
OF IOWA

IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF IOWA

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, November has been declared Native American Month; and

WHEREAS, it was the indigenous people of Iowa who first consecrated the ground on which we now live and grow and flourish, and whose petitions for bountiful harvest and protection from the elements are still being heard; and

WHEREAS, the courage, determination, and spirit of Native Americans have strengthened and continue to fortify the United States, including the United States Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, Native Americans have volunteered to serve in the United States Armed Forces and have served with valor in all of the nation's military actions from the Revolutionary War through the present day; and in most of these actions, more Native Americans per capita served in the Armed Forces including and in recognition of our POW, MIA, and Code Talker brothers and sisters; and

WHEREAS, Native Americans have made distinct and important contributions to the United States and the world in many fields including government, agriculture, medicine, music, and art; and

WHEREAS, public elementary and secondary schools are encouraged to enhance student understanding of Native Americans by providing classroom instruction focusing on accurate history, achievements and contributions; and

WHEREAS, Native Americans of Iowa are an integral and venerable part of the state's population; and
WHEREAS, this recognition will encourage self-esteem, pride, and self-awareness in Native Americans of all ages;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Terry E. Branstad, Governor of the State of Iowa, do hereby proclaim November, 2016

NATIVE AMERICAN MONTH IN IOWA

and do further proclaim November 23, 2016, as

IOWA NATIVE AMERICAN VETERANS DAY IN IOWA

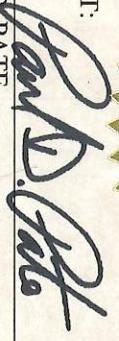
and encourage Iowans to celebrate and learn about the contributions of Iowa's Native American population.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I HAVE HERE-
UNTO SUBSCRIBED MY NAME AND CAUSED
THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF IOWA TO
BE AFFIXED. DONE AT DES MOINES THIS
27th DAY OF OCTOBER IN THE YEAR OF OUR
LORD TWO THOUSAND SIXTEEN.


TERRY E. BRANSTAD
GOVERNOR OF IOWA

ATTEST:


PAUL D. PATE
SECRETARY OF STATE