

JOSEPH DELACRUZ DAY

DECEMBER 5TH



"I believe the ordinary meaning of government-to-government relations is the establishment of mutually acceptable procedures between friendly governments to achieve better relations and a healthy respect between governments. It does not mean bureaucrats 'consulting' with us before the federal government does what it has already begun to do. It does not mean federal agency interference in our internal affairs. It means that there is a certain distance between our governments, and the U.S. government which must be respected. It means establishing mutual respect for the separate and distinct powers of our governments. It means establishing direct and formal inter-governmental mechanisms between our governments to advance Indian self-determination, and quickly resolve disputes" (Presidential Address, 1984).

Joseph DeLaCruz

A LEGEND OF HIS TIME

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Today, we honor our Warrior-Joseph DeLaCruz for his service to Indian Country.

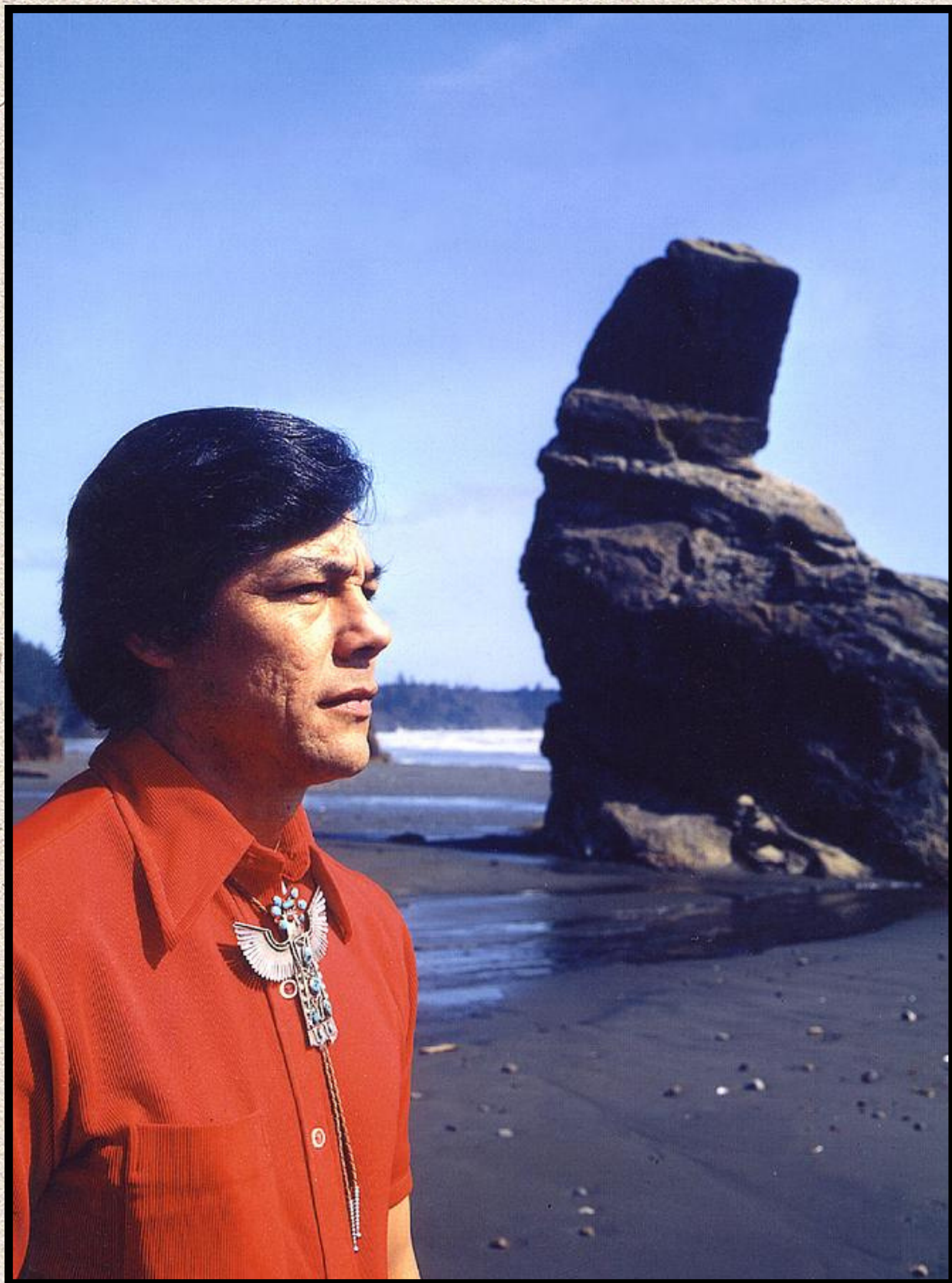
December 5th is an annual Quinault Indian Nation officially recognized Holiday, honoring the legacy of Joseph DeLaCruz.

Joseph DeLaCruz was inducted into the National Native American Hall of Fame this year, (2023) for his remarkable Leadership service as the Quinault Indian Nation President of 22 years.

Read about his lifelong service in the following links:

JOE DE LA CRUZ
QUINAULT INDIAN
NATION - NNAHOF
(nativehalloffame.org).

DeLaCruz, Joseph "Joe"
Burton (1937-2000) -
HistoryLink.org



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Enough To Make Rock Weep

DeLaCruz, business manager of Quinalt Indian
Council, stands near pile of garbage on Point
ville Beach. Weeping Woman rock is in back-
ground. The council, stirred by what it describes as

tourist litter on the beach and painting on rock
cliffs, has ordered reservation beaches closed
to non-tribe members of the tribe. (World Staff Photo)