



**RESOLUTION DECLARING NOVEMBER 2024
NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH
IN THE GLENDALE RIVER HILLS SCHOOL DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, Native American Indians are descendants of the original, indigenous inhabitants of what is now the United States; and

WHEREAS, on August 3, 1990, President of the United States George H. W. Bush declared the month of November as National American Indian Heritage Month, thereafter commonly referred to as Native American Heritage Month; and

WHEREAS, to better educate youth about Wisconsin's American Indian culture, [2021 Wisconsin Act 31](#) requires all Wisconsin public schools to provide instruction in the history, culture, and tribal sovereignty of the 11 federally recognized American Indian nations and tribal communities in Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Legislature passed Senate Joint Resolution 90 (SJR90) in 2023, out of respect for, to honor, and to recognize the invaluable actions and contributions made by the Native Americans and Alaska Natives in Wisconsin and the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Bureau of the Census estimates that in 2020, there were 9,666,058 individuals of American Indian and Alaska Native descent in the United States; and

WHEREAS, contemporary applications of traditional knowledge systems of Native Americans have expanded scientific, environmental, and intercultural understanding; and

WHEREAS, Native Americans have distinguished themselves as inventors, entrepreneurs, spiritual leaders, and scholars, wayfinders, environmental stewards, agriculturalists, doctors, artists, and more; and

WHEREAS, Native Americans have served with honor and distinction in the Armed Forces of the United States for centuries and have the highest per capita involvement of any population currently serving in the Armed Forces of the United States;

WHEREAS, the United States has recognized the contribution of the Native American code talkers in World War I and World War II, who used Indigenous languages to communicate an unbreakable military code, saving countless lives in both conflicts; and

WHEREAS, there are now more indigenous people in elected positions in the U.S. government than ever before, such as Minnesota Lt. Gov. Peggy Flannagan, a member of the White Earth Band of Ojibwe, and US Secretary of the Interior, Deb Haaland, a member of Pueblo of Laguna, and the first Native person to hold a Cabinet post; and

WHEREAS, our vision is to create a community that pursues equity, where each person belongs and thrives, and we embrace whole child growth, through learning about experiences and cultures different than one's own to foster understanding and community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Glendale-River Hills School District and the Glendale-River Hills School Board do hereby proclaim November 1-November 30, 2024 to be

NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

in recognition and celebration of Native Americans' many contributions to the country and our community and with the theme "Affirming Native Voices: Visibility, Leadership, Service."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Glendale-River Hills School District and Glendale-River Hills School Board strongly encourage staff and the community to observe, recognize, and celebrate the culture, heritage, and contributions of Native Americans to Wisconsin and the United States.

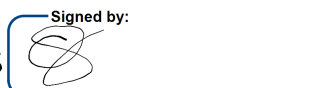
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that sharing and celebrating Native American history, culture, and contributions are not limited to this one month, but the Glendale-River Hills School Board and District will continue to strive for an inclusive teaching and learning environment that utilizes culturally responsive teaching and curriculum practices throughout the year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, in the spirit of reconciliation we can commit to increasing our knowledge of the past and transmitting that knowledge to future generations.

Adopted this 6th day of November 2024.

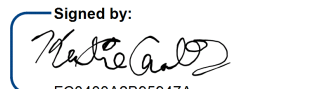
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APPENDIX: RESOURCES

November is [Native American Heritage Month](#)! This month and throughout the year, celebrate and honor the accomplishments, cultures, histories, and perseverance of Native nations. Read more about ways to celebrate Native American peoples.

Start your day, meeting, or gathering with a Land Acknowledgement. Many government agencies and other organizations have developed land acknowledgments to show respect for the Native groups who once occupied the lands where our modern cities are located. If you are in Milwaukee, use the Milwaukee Public Schools land acknowledgement.

We acknowledge that Milwaukee lies on traditional Menominee, Potawatomi, and Ho-Chunk homeland along the southwest shores of Lake Michigan, part of North America's largest system of freshwater lakes. On this site, the Milwaukee, Menominee, and Kinnickinnic rivers meet, and the people of Wisconsin's Menominee, Ojibwe, Ho-Chunk, Oneida, and Mohican sovereign nations remain present to this day.

Visit the [MPS First Nations Studies](#) page for more information about land acknowledgements.

Honor Native American Veterans. Native Americans have consistently enlisted in the Armed Forces at higher rates per capita than any other racial group. The [National Museum of the American Indian](#) has information about how Native Americans have served in all major wars in our country's history, along with anecdotes and photographs from veterans. [The Library of Congress](#) has recorded audio and video interviews with Native American veterans about their experiences serving in the U.S. military.

Read books by Native American authors. The [American Indian Library Association](#) publishes lists of recommended books by Native American authors. Additionally, the [American Indians in Children's Literature](#) website by Dr. Jean Mendoza and Debbie Reese includes an annual list of recommended books. Their site contains detailed reviews of books about Native Americans that evaluate accuracy and authenticity.

Learn about First Nations of Wisconsin. Wisconsin is home to 11 federally recognized tribes and one tribe seeking federal recognition. Watch the [Tribal Histories](#) series by PBS Wisconsin to hear tribal storytellers sharing the culture and oral traditions that have shaped their communities across generations. View articles, maps, and videos with stories about culture and language from Native

MPM EVENTS: <https://www.mpm.edu/nahm-2024-dnp-101124>

HOLIDAY FOLK FAIR: 11/18-11/20: <https://folkfair.org/entertainment-schedule/>

Teachers:

FIRST NATIONS <https://wisconsinfirstnations.org/resources/>
<https://edsitement.neh.gov/teachers-guides/american-indian-history-and-heritage>

Families:

<https://kidsforward.org/native-american-heritage-month-learning-engaging-and-standing-with-wisconsin-s-tribes/>