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A beautiful view of the rock formations at Great Basin National Park. (Getty Images Signature)

from Wikipedia **Native American Day** is a holiday observed in several [US states](#) in celebration of [Native American](#) culture. In [California](#) and [Nevada](#), the holiday is designated on the fourth Friday of September, whereas in [South Dakota](#) and [Wisconsin](#), it falls on the second Monday of October. Within each of these states, Native American Day honors the cultural contributions of Native American communities to the respective state's history, as well as to the overall country. The state of [Washington](#) celebrates Native American Heritage Day on the Friday immediately following the fourth Thursday in November. The state of [Tennessee](#) observes a similar **American Indian Day** each year on the fourth Monday of September. President George W. Bush signed into law legislation introduced by Congressman Joe Baca (D-Calif.), to designate the Friday after Thanksgiving as Native American Heritage Day.



California

In 1939, Governor Culbert Olson declared October 1 to be "Indian Day", making California the first state to honor this holiday. In 1968, Governor [Ronald Reagan](#) signed a [resolution](#) calling for a holiday called American Indian Day, to be held the Fourth Friday in September. In 1998, the California Assembly passed AB 1953, which made Native American Day an official state holiday, designated annually on the fourth Friday in September. In 2021, the State of California amended section 135 of the Code of Civil Procedure (effective January 1, 2022),^[1] making Native American Day a judicial holiday; Columbus Day remains on the list of holidays in Government Code 6700,^[2] but it is no longer a judicial holiday.

Nevada

In 1997, the state of Nevada also declared the Fourth Friday of September as Native American Day.^[3]

South Dakota

In 1989, the South Dakota legislature unanimously passed legislation proposed by Governor [George S. Mickelson](#) to proclaim 1990 as the "Year of Reconciliation" between Native Americans and whites, to change [Columbus Day](#) to Native American Day and to make Martin Luther King's birthday into a state holiday.^[4] Since 1990, the second Monday in October has been celebrated as Native American Day in South Dakota.

On October 3, 2017, The Proclamation of Native American day was announced by the Mayor of Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Accepting the Proclamation would be the Lakota-Dakota-Nakota representatives of Sioux Falls.

South Dakota and Vermont, which celebrates [Indigenous Peoples' Day](#), are the only states to practice non-observance of the federal holiday of Columbus Day.

Tennessee

In 1994, the state General Assembly established the "fourth Monday in September of each year" to be especially observed in Tennessee as "American Indian Day" ([TCA 15-2-106](#)), "to recognize the contributions of American Indians with suitable ceremony and fellowship designed to promote greater understanding and brotherhood between American Indians and the non-Indian people of the state of Tennessee".

Washington

In 2014, the Washington state Legislature designated the Friday immediately following the fourth Thursday in November, currently a state legal and school holiday" to be recognized and honored as "Native American Heritage Day"^[5] recognize and honor Washington state's proud and resonant Native American heritage".

See also

- [Indigenous Peoples' Day](#)
- [Native American Heritage Day](#)
- [Native American Indian Heritage Month](#)
- [Opposition to Columbus celebrations](#)
- [Indigenous Peoples Day](#)

California Native American Heritage Commission

<https://nahc.ca.gov> > 2024 > 05 > save-the-date-57th-annual-native-american-day

[Save The Date: 57th Annual Native American Day - California](#)

The 57th Annual Native American **Day** is returning to the West Steps of the Capitol on September 27, 2024. This event is hosted by the California Tribal Chairpersons' Association in partnership with the State of California, and is a great opportunity to celebrate the rich history and culture of California Tribes.

U.S. Senate

<https://www.senate.gov> > artandhistory > history > common > generic > [American Indian Heritage Month.htm](#)

[Celebrating National Native American Heritage Month - U.S. Senate](#)

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“Ted Cooke, the former nominee for commissioner of the Bureau of Reclamation, called the decision to scuttle his nomination “feckless.” President Donald Trump had nominated Cooke, the former director of the Central Arizona Project, in June to head the bureau, which is part of the U.S. Department of the Interior. The bureau manages the Colorado River. It’s a fraught time for the Colorado River. ... Cooke’s nomination was greeted with applause from the Lower Basin states, and a certain amount of skepticism from the Upper Basin states. In June, Eric Kuhn, the retired general manager of the Colorado River Water Conservation District, pointed out the number of senators from the Upper Basin states, both Republican and Democrat, who sit on the U.S. Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, which would confirm Cooke’s appointment. That includes its chair, Sen. Mike Lee, R-Utah; ranking member, Sen. Martin Heinrich, D-New Mexico; Colorado’s Sen. John Hickenlooper; and Sen. John Barasso, R-Wyoming, the Senate Republican whip. ... ” [Read more from Colorado Politics.](#)

Imperial Irrigation District selects former Interior Deputy Secretary to bolster federal presence on water, power issues

“The Imperial Irrigation District (IID) announced on Tuesday it has enlisted Tommy Beaudreau, the former Deputy Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior, and the international law firm WilmerHale to significantly strengthen its advocacy in Washington, D.C., on pivotal interstate water and federal energy policies. Beaudreau, a figure respected across party lines for his leadership on natural resource policy, will partner with WilmerHale’s government relations team, including Republican lead Rob Lehman. The move signals IID’s intent to aggressively protect its interests as the Colorado River Basin faces a historic reckoning. “We are deeply aware of the stakes for the Colorado River and the communities it sustains,” said IID Board President Gina Dockstader. “Tommy Beaudreau’s bipartisan relationships and proven record of effectiveness make him the right person to assist IID in shaping solutions for the entire Basin.” ... ” [Read more from the Imperial Irrigation District.](#)

Commentary: Lower Basin states are leading the effort to stabilize the Colorado River



Mike Wade, Executive Director of the California Farm Water Coalition, writes, “An equitable solution is needed to satisfy all water uses throughout the Colorado River Basin. However, some parties want to ignore or rewrite historic compacts, acts, and water rights laws to achieve a solution that doesn’t involve their direct participation. By the end of 2026, the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation is expected to adopt new operational guidelines for the Colorado River. Average annual flows over the past 25 years failed to achieve the 15 million acre-feet of runoff calculated a century ago, which was split evenly between the Upper Basin (Wyoming, Colorado, Utah, and New Mexico) and the Lower Basin (California, Arizona, and Nevada). As consumptive use, the No. 1 legal priority of the river is for food production, water for cities, and water for tribes. ... ” [Continue reading at the Western Farm Press.](#)

from Amy Alonzo at the Nevada Independent

From [The Nevada Current](#), Nevada would lose millions under Trump's proposed budget cuts to EPA, report finds

[KUNR](#) explains more about the U.S. Department of Interior's move to repeal the Biden-era public lands rule

Southwest Gas privately asked for veto of utility disconnections reporting bill, [Energy Policy & Institute](#) reports

NV Energy seeks federal approval to give wind, solar developers free exit from interconnection queue, from [Utility Dive](#)

[Grist](#) explains why the federal government is making climate data disappear

More from [Grist](#): How 'drill, baby, drill' has morphed into layoffs and reduced spending in the oil industry

[More Than Just Parks](#) explains what repealing the Roadless Rule could mean for our forests

What drove the rise of civilizations? A decades-long quest points to warfare

<https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-025-03033-4>

Are We Witnessing the Fall of the American Empire?

https://currently.att.yahoo.com/news/articles/witnessing-fall-american-empire-130000642.html?tsrc=daily_mail&uh_test=1_11&tsrc=daily_mail&segment_id&ncid=crm_-1295960-20250923-524--A&bt_user_id=qTLdx/tqrgZaUAYEAY7AeS1BBSVtBB9PBMgTwnKvrGsch11WrtxCYmU0z6tz62nP&bt_ts=1758616204738

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Apr 15, 2025 This video is from the Talk **Colonization, Decolonization and Rematriation on Ohlone Land** by Lisjan Ohlone spokesperson Corrina Gould with Dr. Eve Tuck and ...

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ramaytush.org <https://www.ramaytush.org/our-vision.html>

Our Vision - Association of Ramaytush Ohlone

Recognizing sovereignty and the rematriation of land requires settle colonists to relinquish power — whether in governance or as landholders — in order to fully realize their own decolonization.

Resource Generation

<https://resourcegeneration.org> > [land-reparations-indigenous-solidarity-action-guide](#)

Land Reparations & Indigenous Solidarity Toolkit - Resource Generation

There is no blueprint for how to work towards land repatriation and land returns to Indigenous people. Every region, location, and tribe has its own story of colonization and its own current landscape of Indigenous-led organizing. This brief guide is a compilation of educational resources, case studies of repatriation, as well as some initial questions to consider when planning a land return ...

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**KQED** <https://www.kqed.org> > [news](#) > [11848769](#) > [the-east-bay-land-tax-that-supports-an-indigenous-women-led-trust](#)

### **The East Bay 'Land Tax' That Supports an Indigenous Women-Led Trust - KQED**

The experience "changed me in a physical, spiritual and emotional way," Gould said in a recent talk on colonization, decolonization and repatriation on Ohlone land. "I believe the Bay Area is magic. I believe that there are so many things that have been created here in the Bay Area — movements, technology and ideas.

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ArcGIS StoryMaps

<https://storymaps.arcgis.com> > [stories](#) > [eaf62c00758d44c8b82c5b4d5ff4cf30](#)

Land Acknowledgment Story Map - ArcGIS StoryMaps

Jan 23, 2025As a consequence of the land dispossession and settler extractive industry, the Ohlone homelands are struggling from poor management and exploitation. Co-management with, and land return to Ohlone people, along with implementation of traditional ecological stewardship, will make progress towards restoring good relations with the land.

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**Britannica** <https://www.britannica.com> > [topic](#) > [Indigenous-Peoples-Day](#)

### **Indigenous Peoples' Day | Origin, Holiday, & Columbus Day | Britannica**

Indigenous Peoples' Day, holiday in the United States that takes place on the second Monday of October. The day honors the Indigenous peoples of the United States— American Indians, Native Alaskans, and Native Hawaiians, most of whom were violently uprooted and exploited beginning with the arrival

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<https://www.wikidates.org> > [holiday](#) > [american-indian-day_1564.html](#)

American Indian Day (Saturday, May 9th, 2026) - WikiDates.org

American **Indian Day** (Also known as Native American **Day**) is observed next on Saturday, May 9th, 2026. It is has been observed the second Saturday in May.

U.S. Senate

https://www.senate.gov/artandhistory/history/common/generic/American_Indian_Heritage_Month.htm

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***Brought to you by the fastest warming cities in the US, Reno and Las Vegas:***

**Rivers are heating up faster than the air – that’s a problem for aquatic life and people**



*A view along the Truckee River between Interstate 80 and Olympic Valley, California. Photo by Steve Payer / DWR*

“When you think about heat waves, you might picture sweltering cities, shimmering asphalt and unbearable summer afternoons. These heat waves dominate the headlines because we feel them directly. Rivers, on the other hand, are often seen as cool refuges, places to escape the heat of summer. Yet rivers are heating up, too. In fact, they’re heating up faster than the air. New research from my team shows that riverine heat waves – periods of abnormally high water temperatures in rivers – are becoming more common, more intense and longer-lasting than they were 40 years ago. Their frequency, intensity and duration are also increasing at rates more than twice as fast as heat waves in the atmosphere. The increased heat puts more stress on aquatic ecosystems, water quality, energy production and agriculture, and it can threaten species that rely on cool streams. ... ” [Read more from The Conversation.](#)

# September 2025

## Senate Holds Hearing on Tribal Energy Programs, Approves Nomination of Assistant Secretary for Interior

On September 10, 2025, the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs held a hearing to approve Billy Kirkland's nomination to Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs. Kirkland previously worked as an advisor to the Trump campaign and the White House. The committee [voted 7-4](#) to approve his nomination. The nomination now heads to the full Senate for final approval.

The rest of the hearing focused on two tribal energy programs at the Department of Energy: the Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs, and the Loan Programs Office Tribal Energy Financing Program. While the Office of Indian Energy has funded more than [240 projects since 2010](#), the Loan Programs office has funded only one, despite having more than \$20 billion in reserves.

Testimony from administration leaders discussed [long-standing issues](#) with the Loan Programs Office that make it almost impossible for tribes to access funding, including excessive fees and reporting requirements. Tribal loan applicants have reported that some loans have been under review for as long as two years. Some tribal governments have resorted to expensive private loans to cover the shortfall.

### Department of Health and Human Services Surges Health Officers to Indian Country

On September 22, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) [announced](#) that it is sending more than 70 officers from the U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps to bolster Indian Health Service (IHS) facilities with the greatest staffing needs.

This is part of an initiative to reduce gaps in healthcare access, improve chronic disease management, and deliver culturally responsive care in partnership with tribal nations. Staffing vacancies at IHS have reached critical levels in recent years, with some facilities reporting 30% staffing shortfalls.

### Senate Holds Hearing Commemorating 50 Years of Self-Determination

The Senate Committee on Indian Affairs (SCIA) held a [hearing](#) on September 17 to commemorate 50 years of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (PL-638). Enacted in 1975, ISDEAA [fundamentally reshaped](#) the relationship between the United States government and tribal nations. Before its passage, federal agencies directly controlled most programs and services for Native communities, often with little regard for tribal input or sovereignty. ISDEAA empowered tribes by allowing them to



contract with federal agencies, such as the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and Indian Health Service (IHS).

ISDEAA has been amended multiple times since 1975 to serve the growing and changing needs of tribal nations. It has been expanded to new agencies, such as the Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Department of Agriculture. Pilot programs promoting independence and flexibility [continue](#).

### **National Day of Remembrance for Indian Boarding Schools**

September 30 is the [National Day of Remembrance for Indian Boarding Schools](#). This day commemorates the survivors and victims of the Indian Boarding School system. Indian boarding schools, which operated in the United States from the 1800s through much of the 20th century, was designed to assimilate Native children by forcibly removing them from their families and erasing their cultural identities. Thousands of children were sent to church and government-run schools and prohibited from speaking their languages or practicing their traditions. Many endured physical, emotional, and sexual abuse. This legacy affects Native communities today, contributing to intergenerational trauma and cultural loss.

Current legislation in Congress—the Truth and Healing Commission on Indian Boarding School Policies in the United States Act (S.761)—seeks to formally investigate this history. The bill would create a commission to document the scope and impact of the boarding school era, gather testimony from survivors, and make recommendations for federal accountability and tribal-led healing efforts. FCNL has been [lobbying for the legislation](#) for several years. This month, we participated in a lobby effort with the National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition (NABS). FCNL staff also supported a recent NABS vigil for the victims and survivors of Indian Boarding Schools.

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|              | <i>Legislative Representative for Native American Advocacy<br/>Friends Committee on National Legislation</i> |
| <b>"FCNL Native American Policy"</b> < <a href="mailto:support@fcnl.org">support@fcnl.org</a> > |                                                                                                              |

- **Thacker Pass is Trump's latest move for direct federal ownership in private companies:** "The Trump administration is seeking an equity stake in Lithium Americas as it renegotiates the company's \$2.26 billion federal loan for the Thacker Pass mine project in Nevada. Reuters [reported on Tuesday](#) the White House is requesting as much as a 10% stake in the Canada-based mining company in exchange for a modification to the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) loan." ([Nevada Current](#)

Homelessness is rising, and it is hitting our most vulnerable first. There are more than 771,000 people without a home in America, the highest in 17 years. Over a quarter are families with children. More than one in four adults reported a disability. And over 32,000 are veterans who served this country.

In Nevada, Native people are disproportionately impacted, experiencing homelessness at rates far higher than our share of the population.

And what do we hear from the megaphones of power? Fox News host Brian Kilmeade suggested "involuntary lethal injection, just kill them," instead of demanding solutions. How does he still have a job? This is not commentary - it's barbaric cruelty. And it has consequences: when leaders normalize contempt, communities turn away from compassion, funding dries up, and lives are lost.

For Native people, this rhetoric is painfully familiar. We've endured centuries of dehumanization - forced removals, broken treaties, boarding schools that tore families apart, and policies that criminalized poverty instead of addressing it. The playbook hasn't changed: blame the vulnerable, ignore the root causes, profit off division, *and eliminate the collateral damage*.

**Native Voters Alliance Nevada is fighting back with organizing and policy advocacy to house our neighbors, support children and people with disabilities, and honor our veterans with the services they've earned.**

*We're building a Nevada where everyone has a safe place to sleep and a fair shot to thrive—Native and non-Native alike.*

Silence enables cruelty. Action saves lives.

In the trenches with you, Native Voters Alliance Nevada

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Join team Remaining Native for 5th Rising Hearts Every Child Matters 5K Virtual Walk/Run and bring the film to your community for a free screening offered by the Indigenous Impact Alliance from Sept. 30th-Nov 20th. Beneficiaries:

[The National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition](#)

"The time for healing, is now." Their mission is to lead in the pursuit of understanding and addressing the ongoing trauma created by the U.S. Indian Boarding School policy. The National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition (NABS) was incorporated as a 501c3 nonprofit in June 2012 under the laws of the Navajo Nation. They are the only U.S. based nonprofit focused on this work. NABS was created to develop and implement a national strategy that increases public awareness and cultivates healing for the profound trauma experienced by individuals, families, communities, American Indian and Alaska Native Nations resulting from the U.S. adoption and implementation of the Boarding School Policy of 1869.

NABS supports the Federal Indian Boarding School investigation and calls for a Congressional

Truth Commission – [READ HERE](#)



The National Native American
Boarding School Healing Coalition

Indian Residential School Survivors Society

We at the Indian Residential School Survivors Society (IRSSS) strive to provide physical, emotional, intellectual, spiritual growth, development, and healing through culturally-based values and guiding principles for Survivors, Families, and Communities. We at the Indian Residential School Survivors Society (IRSSS) strive to provide physical, emotional, intellectual, spiritual growth, development, and healing through culturally-based values and guiding principles for Survivors, Families, and Communities.



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### ***Because it is Friday (and I'm file cleaning), this popped up:***

Had to do a little research for an article; thought you'd enjoy this website.....

<https://www.atlasobscura.com/things-to-do/united-states/museums-and-collections?page=14>

If you only have a little time to be amused, here is the intro to my article (which is about finance education). It may be a little out of context, but you'll get the drift. Enjoy. sdc

The Library of Mistakes ([www.independentlibraries.co.uk/library-of-mistakes](http://www.independentlibraries.co.uk/library-of-mistakes)) opened in 2014 and is located in Edinburgh, Scotland. Established in the wake of the 2008 financial crisis, the mission of the Library is to promote the study of the history of financial markets, and to "improve financial understanding one mistake at a time."

The library collects works on the business cycles, the operation of financial markets, corporate history, economic theory and analysis, accounting practices, corporate governance and fraud. [www.independentlibraries.co.uk/library-of-mistakes](http://www.independentlibraries.co.uk/library-of-mistakes)

The world is littered with libraries and museums focusing on all sorts of subjects, from the important to the bizarre. There are tribal museums now dotting the continent, and museums chronicling public figures and those commemorating major events and disasters. From The Insect Asylum in Chicago to the Showgirl Magic Museum in San Francisco there is a litany of hundreds: a museum around a piece of turquoise looking like George Washington in Albuquerque; the history of mouse (and other) traps in Galloway, Ohio; the Barbed Wire Museum in Bonner Springs, Kansas; the Oaies Bordello Museum in Wallace, Idaho; the Pigs Aloft Museum in Linn, Missouri; the Dumb Guy Museum in Portsmouth, NH; Pape's Nutcracker Museum, Segried, Texas; and the Museum of the Odd in Lawrence, Kansas which holds some of Elvis' underwear and Bob Barker's toothbrush.

So a museum that focuses on mistakes is not the out of the ordinary. In fact, there is one in NYC for the Antioch Chalice, once thought to be the Holy Grail but turned out to be an oil lamp.