



HONORING **NATIVE** AMERICAN HERITAGE

Observed annually in November, **Native American Heritage Month** honors the significant contributions the Indigenous people of the Americas made to the establishment and growth of the United States.

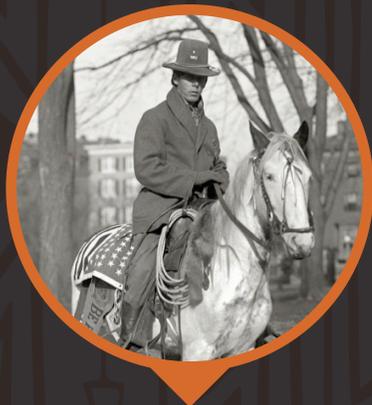


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NATIVE AMERICAN ICONS



RED FOX JAMES,
Blackfoot Native American

Before a day was nationally recognized, Red Fox James rode horseback from state to state seeking approval for a day to honor Native Americans. He presented endorsements of 24 state governments at the White House in December 1915.



MILDRED LOVING

Mildred Loving, who was of African American and Native American descent, successfully challenged Virginia's ban on interracial marriage in the 1960s. Mildred married Richard Loving, a white man, violating Virginia's Racial Integrity Act. In a Supreme Court case with the assistance of the American Civil Liberties Union, the court held that Virginia's anti-miscegenation statute violated both the Equal Protection Clause and Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment.

An unofficial holiday celebrates Mildred and Richard's triumph and multiculturalism, called Loving Day, on June 12.



HONOR THROUGH EDUCATION



THE STORY OF THANKSGIVING

Being the same month as Thanksgiving, this is an appropriate time to learn Thanksgiving history from the perspective of Native Americans and how their knowledge greatly shaped our world.



Impacts &
Perspectives of
Native Americans



The Thanksgiving
Story

AVAMERE COMMUNITIES ON NATIVE LAND

- The home office is on traditional territory of the Kalapuyan people
- Our communities in Bellingham, Washington are on Lummi Nation land
- The Wenatchi tribe originally inhabited the land where Avamere at Wenatchee sits
- People of the S’Klallam Tribe have inhabited the valley in Sequim, Washington for over 10,000 years
- Many more of our communities sit on native land. Find more information [here](#).



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