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We want to embrace the differences that help make us better together. The OEO believes diversity and inclusion are everyone's responsibility and we hope all state employees carry such responsibility with honor, courage, and passion. Visit <u>oeo.mo.gov</u> to learn more.

November is National Native American Heritage Month!

In 1990, former President George H. W. Bush designated November as National American Indian Heritage Month (also known as Native American Heritage Month). This month was chosen because

November is generally the end of the traditional harvest season and a time of thanksgiving and celebration for Native Americans. This is also a time for all Americans to honor the achievements of the native tribes and celebrate the rich and diverse cultures, traditions, and histories these tribes possess.

In addition, November is a time to raise awareness about the challenges Native Americans have faced in the past, and in the present, and how they have worked to conquer these challenges.

