

American Indian Heritage Day September 26, 2025



In 1997, the Montana Legislature passed into law MCA 20-1-306, designating the fourth Friday in September as American Indian Heritage Day. Under this law, **schools** are to conduct “appropriate exercises during the school day.” In 2009, MCA 1-1-228 was signed into law designating the last Friday in September as American Indian Heritage Day for the state of Montana for **all Montanans** to “(1) reflect on American Indian culture and heritage; and (2) celebrate American Indians and their culture and heritage. . .” We celebrate the Montana Constitution and reaffirm our unique constitutional commitment to implement Indian Education for All. [Honor Song for All Students and Teachers](#)

Activities that celebrate American Indian Heritage Day can create sustained interest in learning about the distinct and unique cultural heritage of American Indians, setting the tone and creating connections for a year of integrating Indian Education for All.

Special Event September 25th 4:00 – 5:00. American Indian Heritage Day Webinar Featuring [Kasey Nicholson](#). Kasey is a member of the A’aa’niii’nin (White Clay Nation – Fort Belknap) He is a Wellness Educator, Motivational Speaker, Powwow Emcee and Comedian. This webinar is open to all so bring your sense of humor and see Essential Understanding 3 in action. [Zoom link](#)

- ✓ [Indian Education for All Student Showcase Projects](#) – Let’s hear from the students!
- ✓ Sign up for the [Indigenous Morning Greetings Project](#) – Share morning greetings featuring Montana tribal knowledge keepers throughout the school year.
- ✓ Display [tribal flags](#) and [tribal seals](#) from the Montana Tribal Nations and discuss the cultural significance of the symbolism reflected on them. [Flags Presentation 2023](#).
- ✓ Sign up for the [Native Filmmaker Initiative](#) Film Club. A virtual youth education outreach program that screens a curated selection of Indigenous-made documentary films in classrooms across the state of Montana.
- ✓ Celebrating Bison Restoration – Share these resources with your students!
 - [Buffalo Treaty](#)
 - [Wind River Tribal Buffalo Initiative](#)
 - [The 10,000 Year Significance of Bison](#)
 - [Buffalo Unity Project – Poplar Middle School](#)
 - [Madison Buffalo Jump-View from the Top with Dr. Shane Doyle](#)
- ✓ [Analysis of American Indian Logos and Imagery in Transportation*](#) - new IEFA resource
- ✓ [Resources for Teaching About Missing and Murdered Indigenous Peoples*](#) - new IEFA resource
- ✓ [Life in the Land - Connecting People and Place in Montana](#) website hosts videos and curriculum
- ✓ [Indigecation](#) – website features knowledge keepers sharing cultural knowledge and history



Indian Education For All Guidance and Support

[Curriculum Mapping Model for IEFA](#)

[Indian Education for All Legislative Update and Funding Guidance](#)

[IEFA Professional Development Request Survey](#)

[Indian Education for All Feedback Portal](#)

[The Framework: A Practical Guide for Montana Teachers and Administrators Implementing Indian Education for All](#)

Make a plan to celebrate [Indigenous Peoples Day](#) in Montana – Monday October 13th

Please visit the [Indian Education Website](#) or contact Indian Education staff for resources to support your American Indian Heritage Day activities. Share your schools American Indian Heritage Day activities with us and make sure to document them so they can be included in your schools ISAP reporting.

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