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1           A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION recognizing November  
2 as Native American Heritage Month.

3           *Whereas, Native Americans are descendants of the original,*  
4 *Indigenous inhabitants of what is now the United States;*

5           *Whereas, The Census Bureau estimates the United States is*  
6 *home to around 8.75 million people who identify at least*  
7 *partially as American Indian or Alaska Native, making up*  
8 *around 2.6% of the total population;*

9           *Whereas, Native Americans maintain vibrant cultures and*  
10 *traditions and hold a deeply rooted sense of community;*

11           *Whereas, Native Americans have moving stories of tragedy,*  
12 *triumph, and perseverance that need to be shared with future*  
13 *generations;*

14           *Whereas, Native Americans speak and write in their*  
15 *Indigenous languages, which have influenced and contributed*  
16 *in a variety of ways to the United States, including the naming*  
17 *of places and sites throughout the country and state of Indiana;*

18           *Whereas, Native Americans have made distinct and important*  
19 *contributions to the United States and the world in many fields,*  
20 *including agriculture, environmental stewardship, wayfinding,*  
21 *medicine, music, dance, language, and art;*

22           *Whereas, Contemporary applications of traditional*  
23 *knowledge systems of Native Americans have expanded*  
24 *scientific, environmental, and intercultural understanding;*



1       *Whereas, Native Americans have distinguished themselves as*  
2       *inventors, entrepreneurs, spiritual leaders, and scholars;*

3       *Whereas, Native Americans have served with honor and*  
4       *distinction in the Armed Forces of the United States for*  
5       *centuries and have the highest per capita involvement of any*  
6       *population currently serving in the Armed Forces of the United*  
7       *States;*

8       *Whereas, In 1990, President George H.W. Bush declared the*  
9       *month of November as National American Indian Heritage*  
10       *Month, and in 2007, President George W. Bush declared that*  
11       *the day after Thanksgiving would be recognized as Native*  
12       *American Heritage Day; and*

13       *Whereas, The people of the State of Indiana have reason to*  
14       *honor the great achievements and contributions of Native*  
15       *Americans and their ancestors: Therefore,*

16                       *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives*  
17                       *of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,*  
18                       *the Senate concurring:*

19       SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly recognizes  
20       November as Native American Heritage Month.

21       SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of  
22       Representatives shall transmit copies of this resolution to State  
23       Representative Christine Campbell for distribution.

