

One Hundred Third Congress
of the
United States of America

AT THE SECOND SESSION

*Begun and held at the City of Washington on Tuesday,
the twenty-fifth day of January, one thousand nine hundred and ninety-four*

Joint Resolution

Designating the month of November in each of calendar years 1993 and 1994
as "National American Indian Heritage Month".

Whereas American Indians were the original inhabitants of the
lands that now constitute the United States of America;

Whereas American Indian Governments developed the fundamental
principles of freedom of speech and separation of powers in
government, and these principles form the foundation of the
United States Government today;

Whereas American Indian societies have exhibited a respect for
the finiteness of natural resources through deep respect for the
earth, and these values continue to be widely held today;

Whereas American Indian people have served with valor in all
wars from the Revolutionary War to the conflict in the Persian
Gulf, often in a percentage well above their percentage in the
population of the Nation as a whole;

Whereas American Indians have made distinct and important con-
tributions to America and the rest of the world in many fields,
including agriculture, medicine, music, language, and art;

Whereas American Indians deserve to be recognized for their
individual contributions to American society as artists, sculptors,
musicians, authors, poets, artisans, scientists, and scholars;

Whereas designating the month of November in each of calendar
years 1993 and 1994 to recognize the heritage and the contribu-
tions to American society of American Indians will encourage
self-esteem, pride, and self-awareness in American Indians of
all ages; and

Whereas November is traditionally the month when American
Indians have harvested their crops and is generally a time of
celebration and giving thanks: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the
United States of America in Congress assembled, That—*

(1) the month of November in each of calendar years 1993
and 1994 is designated as "National American Indian Heritage
Month"; and

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(2) the President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation in each of those years calling on the people of the United States to observe such month with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

*Vice President of the United States and
President of the Senate.*