

# State of North Carolina



BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE  
GOVERNOR

## AMERICAN INDIAN HERITAGE MONTH

2010

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

### A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, "*Honoring the Legacy of Our Warriors*" is the theme for American Indian Heritage Month 2010 in North Carolina and is observed as a means to encourage all citizens to learn about and appreciate the historic and contemporary contributions of American Indians in our State; and

WHEREAS, American Indians are the first inhabitants of North Carolina, having lived here for more than 12,000 years, and today numbering more than 100,000, giving the State the largest American Indian population east of the Mississippi and the sixth largest American Indian population in the country; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina is home to eight state-recognized tribes: the Coharie, the Eastern Band of Cherokee, the Haliwa-Saponi, the Lumbee, the Meherrin, the Occaneechi Band of the Saponi, the Sappony, and the Waccamaw Siouan; and

WHEREAS, American Indian warriors have fought bravely and continuously throughout history to protect their values, traditions, and tribal communities, and have persevered in a changing world; and

WHEREAS, American Indian warriors have served proudly alongside their fellow Americans to protect the independence and freedom afforded them by the Constitution of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, this year we have chosen to honor the men and women from our tribal communities who have served and continue to serve our nation proudly through military service and to recognize the sacrifices made to protect their culture, a culture that continues to enrich the lives of the citizens of the Tar Heel State and the Nation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim November 2010, as "**AMERICAN INDIAN HERITAGE MONTH**" in North Carolina and urge our citizens to recognize and celebrate the many achievements and contributions made by the native inhabitants of North Carolina.



BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this twenty-fifth day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand and ten, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-fifth.