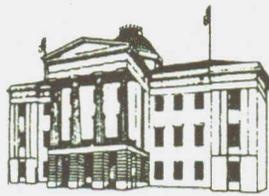


# State of North Carolina



BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE  
GOVERNOR

AMERICAN INDIAN HERITAGE MONTH  
2011  
BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the 2011 theme for American Indian Heritage Month in North Carolina is *Still Making History*, recognizing the historical and contemporary contributions of American Indians in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, for more than 12,000 years, American Indians have inhabited North Carolina and throughout that time have influenced its history and culture by sharing their foods, traditions, agricultural practices and customs; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina continues to be the home to eight tribes and four urban Indian organizations: the Coharie, the Eastern Band of Cherokee, the Haliwa-Saponi, the Lumbee, the Meherrin, the Occaneechi Band of the Saponi, the Sappony, the Waccamaw-Siouan, Cumberland County Association for Indian People, Guilford Native American Association, Metrolina Native American Association, and Triangle Native American Society; and

WHEREAS, American Indians throughout our state's history have played key roles in advancing health, education, civil rights, cultural preservation and economic development opportunities within their communities and for the benefit of all citizens of the state; and

WHEREAS, the rights of state-recognized tribes continue to be threatened by individuals and institutions who do not understand the unique history of the American Indian population in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, today North Carolina is home to more than 122,000 American Indians, giving the state the largest American Indian population east of the Mississippi and the eighth largest American Indian population in the country; and

WHEREAS, this year the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs, a state agency created by the North Carolina General Assembly, celebrates its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of advocacy and service for the American Indian people of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, *Still Making History* is reflective of the contributions that continue to be made by American Indians to the state so that we may acknowledge and celebrate a culture that enriches 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 the month of November 2011, 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

WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State  
the Capitol in Raleigh this fourteenth day of October in the year of our Lord two  
the of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-sixth.