



RICK SCOTT
GOVERNOR

NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH IN FLORIDA

WHEREAS, Native Americans have contributed to the history and well-being of the United States and Florida; and

WHEREAS, the 2010 United States Census documented over 160,000 Native American or Alaska Native peoples in Florida; and

WHEREAS, many Native American tribes remain on tribal lands or reservations where they retain traditional culture and values; and

WHEREAS, Florida is home to two federally recognized tribes, the Seminole Tribe of Florida and the Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida, along with many urban tribal citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Seminole Tribe of Florida traces its roots back at least 12,000 years; and

WHEREAS, the Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida resides in the historic Florida Everglades and maintains their unique way of life and works to transmit the essence of their heritage to their descendants; and

WHEREAS, Native American Heritage Month honors all Native Americans who served in the United States military;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Scott, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing November 2018 as *Native American Heritage Month in Florida*.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capital, this 28th day of September, in the year two thousand eighteen.



Governor