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## November is Native American Indian Heritage Month

Native American Heritage Month honors the indigenous people living in the United States before the arrival of the Europeans. In November, the United States honors and celebrates the customs and legacy of Native Americans. <https://scetv.pbslearningmedia.org/collection/NativeAmericanHeritage/>

### **Important Facts You Should Know About Native American Heritage**

- 1) The U.S. Constitution is based partially upon the Great Law of Peace, the constitution of the Iroquois Confederacy.
- 2) Native Americans made the oldest cotton cloth ever found.
- 3) The Cherokee, like many tribes, traced their families through the mother. As a result, women often held leadership roles.
- 4) Even though most Native Americans live in the west today, the single city with the largest population is New York.
- 5) Christopher Columbus was not the first to meet the Native Americans, the Vikings were.
- 6) The English language has adopted countless Native American words.
- 7) Native Americans cultivated and developed many plants that are very important in the world today, including white and sweet potatoes, corn, beans, tobacco, chocolate, peanuts, cotton, rubber, and gum. They also invented popcorn!
- 8) Prior to the arrival of the Europeans, American Indians were remarkably free of serious diseases and rarely died from illness.

Visit this site for more information: <http://www.playbuzz.com/elizabethmiller10/16-important-facts-you-should-know-about-native-american-heritage>



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City of Columbia's 40th Annual  
**VETERANS DAY  
PARADE**



**HONORING OUR NATION'S HEROES**



Veterans and civilians from across the State gathered in downtown Columbia on Veterans Day for the City of Columbia's annual Veterans Day Parade, one of the Southeast's largest Veterans Day parades. This year marked the City's 40th Annual Veterans Day parade.

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Annual Event Calendar  
for  
**COMMUNITY RELATIONS  
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**January**  
MLK/Interfaith Awareness

**February**  
African American History

**March**  
Women's History/End Racism Day

**April**  
Fair Housing

**May**  
Law Enforcement/  
Community Relations

**June**  
Disaster Preparedness/Emanuel 9  
Remembrance Day, Peace & Reconcil-  
iation

**July**  
Employment Discrimination/  
Economic Opportunity

**August**  
Youth Project/Back to School

**September**  
Hispanic Heritage/  
Cultural Diversity

**October**  
Disability Employment Awareness

**November**  
American Indian Heritage/  
Veterans' Day

**December**  
Aging & Poverty Issues