



Native American Day

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Native American Day is observed annually on the fourth Friday of September, as a time to honor and reflect on the rich history, culture, and contributions of Native Americans across the United States. This year, it will be celebrated on September 25th.

Indigenous tribes have played and continue to play an integral role in shaping the social, environmental, and cultural structure of the country. In New Jersey, Native American Day holds special significance. The state is home to the Lenape people, the original inhabitants who lived in harmony with the region's rivers, forests, and coastlines. Their legacy lives on through the Nanticoke Lenni-Lenape Tribal Nation and other Lenape descendants who actively preserve their heritage and advocate for recognition, education, and cultural revitalization.

Despite centuries of displacement and forced migration, the resilience of Native communities remains evident. From art and storytelling to environmental protection and community leadership, Indigenous influence is deeply woven into regional and national history.

Native American Day is not only an opportunity to remember the past—it is also a call to action. It invites us to educate ourselves, amplify Native voices, and celebrate the living cultures that thrive today. Whether by exploring Lenape history in New Jersey, supporting Indigenous organizations, or seeking Native perspectives beyond traditional textbooks, we each have a role to play in honoring the first peoples of this land.