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# H. J. RES. 577

To authorize and request the President to proclaim the month of November 1990, and thereafter as "Native American Indian Heritage Month".

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 24, 1990

Mr. FALCOMAVAEGA (for himself, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. ANTHONY, Mr. COLEMAN of Texas, Mr. DE LA GARZA, Mr. HOYER, Mr. LAUGHLIN, Mr. MFUME, Mr. MONTGOMERY, Mr. PICKLE, Mr. RAVENEL, Mr. SAVAGE, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. STOKES, Mr. TRAXLER, Mr. SOLARZ, Mr. CARR, Mr. COYNE, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. FRENZEL, Mr. HALL of Ohio, Mr. JONES of Georgia, Mr. OBERSTAR, Mr. NOWAK, Mrs. PATTERSON, Mr. ROTH, Mr. RUSSO, Mr. SOLOMON, Mr. STARK, Mr. SYNAR, Mr. TAUZIN, Mr. WHEAT, Mr. YATRON, Mr. BARTLETT, Mr. GUNDERSON, Mr. CAMPBELL of Colorado, Mr. UDALL, Mr. FUSTER, Mr. DYMALLY, Mr. BLAZ, Mr. GONZALEZ, Mr. FAUNTROY, Mr. NATCHER, Mr. McEWEN, Mr. SLATTERY, Mr. SAWYER, Mr. FROST, Mr. DORGAN of North Dakota, Mr. HANSEN, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. ANNUNZIO, Mr. CROCKETT, Mr. RHODES, Mr. MACHTLEY, Mr. EMERSON, Mr. HARRIS, Mr. VENTO, Mr. WEISS, Mr. RAHALL, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. SISISKY, Mr. GEJDENSON, Mr. ROE, Mr. McDERMOTT, Mr. GORDON, Mr. EVANS, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. DOUGLAS, Mr. LEHMAN of California, Mr. BAKER, Mr. GILMAN, Mr. LANTOS, Mr. THOMAS of Wyoming, Mr. BERMAN, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mr. KOSTMAYER, Mr. SMITH of Florida, Mr. HORTON, Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. LEHMAN of Florida, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. WHITTEN, Mr. JENKINS, Mr. ANDERSON, Mr. RICHARDSON, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BATES, Mr. BOEHLERT, Mr. PARKER, Mr. WEBER, Mr. PANETTA, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. HUGHES, Mr. GRAY, Mr. SPRATT, Mr. McNULTY, Mr. NIELSON of Utah, Mr. DEFazio, Mr. ATKINS, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. FORD of Tennessee, Mrs. UNSOELD, Mr. BOSCO, Mr. PAYNE of New Jersey, Mr. CLEMENT, Mr. LAGOMARSINO, Mr. MRAZEK, Mr. SCHEUER, Mr. BEVILL, Mr. BEREUTER, Mr. CLAY, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. COSTELLO, Mr. DARDEN, Mr. DORNAN of California, Mr. DREIER of California, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. FAZIO, Mr. FRANK, Mr. GALLEGLY, Mr. GOSS, Mr. HAMILTON, Mr. HAYES of Illinois, Mr. HOAGLAND, Mr. JACOBS, Mr. JONTZ, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. LEVINE of California, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. MILLEZ of California, Mr. MILLER of Washington, Mr. MINETA, Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts, Ms. OAKAR, Mr. ORTIZ, Mr. OWENS of New York, Mr. POSHARD, Mr. SANGMEISTER, Mr. SARPALIUS, Ms. SLAUGHTER of New York, Mr. STALLINGS, Mr. TANNER,

Mr. TAYLOR, Mr. WATKINS, Mr. WASHINGTON, Mr. LANCASTER, Mr. BUS-TAMANTE, Mr. DWYER of New Jersey, Mr. FEIGHAN, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. GRANDY, Mr. HENRY, Mr. CONTE, Mr. LEVIN of Michigan, Mr. CLARKE, Mr. TALLON, Mr. OWENS of Utah, Mr. HOCHBRUECKNER, Mrs. COLLINS, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. HAMMERSCHMIDT, and Mr. STANGELAND) introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service

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## JOINT RESOLUTION

To authorize and request the President to proclaim the month of November 1990, and thereafter as "Native American Indian Heritage Month".

Whereas Native American Indians were the original inhabitants of the lands that now constitute the United States of America;

Whereas Native American Indians have made an essential and unique contribution to our Nation, not the least of which is the contribution of most of the land which now comprises these United States;

Whereas Native American Indians have made essential contributions to the world, including prehistoric cultivation and harvesting of corn and sweet potatoes;

Whereas the people of the United States should be reminded of the assistance given to the early European visitors to North America by the ancestors of today's Native American Indians, including knowledge and training provided to the pilgrims in survival, hunting, and cultivation, and fertilization of indigenous crops;

Whereas the people and Government of the United States should be reminded of the assistance given to this country's Founding Fathers by the ancestors of today's Native Ameri-

can Indians, including the support the original inhabitants provided to George Washington and his troops during the winter of 1777–1778, which they spent in Valley Forge;

Whereas the people and Government of the United States should be reminded that certain concepts such as freedom of speech, the separation of powers in government, and the balance of power within government, all of which were found in the political systems of various Native American Indian nations, influenced the formulation of the Government of the United States of America;

Whereas the Members of the Senate and House of Representatives believe that a resolution and proclamation of the nature requested in this resolution can encourage activities which provide positive benefits of enhanced self-esteem, pride, and self-awareness to young Native American Indians;

Whereas the approaching 500th anniversary of the arrival of Christopher Columbus to the Western Hemisphere provides an opportunity for the people of the United States to consider and reflect on our Nation's current relationship with our Native American Indians; and

Whereas the month of November concludes the traditional harvest season of Native American Indians and was generally a time of celebration and giving thanks: Now, therefore, be it

- 1        *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
- 2        *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
- 3        That beginning in 1990 and thereafter, the month of Novem-
- 4        ber is designated as "National American Indian Heritage
- 5        Month", and the President is authorized and requested to
- 6        issue a proclamation calling upon Federal, State, and local

1 governments, interested groups and organizations, and the  
2 people of the United States to observe the month with appro-  
3 priate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

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