

NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH



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EMPOWERING INDIAN COUNTRY

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH OBSERVANCE

For more information on these events, call: 202-208-3587

NOVEMBER 1

1:00PM-2:30PM — OPENING CEREMONY
Auditorium, Main Interior Building (LiveStream)

- Color Guard
- Welcome—John Tahsuda III, *Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs*
- Invocation—Spike Bighorn, *Associate Deputy Bureau Director, Office of Indian Services, BIA*
- Opening Remarks/Introduction of Keynote Speaker—Tara Sweeney, *Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs*
- Keynote Speaker—DG Smalling, *Oklahoma Choctaw Artist*
- Performance: *Hand Drum*—Pete Neconie, *Jingle Dress*—Carol Brown

Arts/Crafts Vendors in the Bison Bistro Area

NOVEMBER 6

1:00PM-2:00PM — BROWN BAG DISCUSSION
Kiowa Room, MIB Basement

- “The Next 100 Years: Indian Affairs Workforce Planning & Recruitment”
- Melissa Castiano, *FWS—National Youth Community Adaption and Leadership Congress*
 - Monica Cooper, *BIA—Pathways Program Manager*

NOVEMBER 14

12:00PM — DRUM AND FLUTE PERFORMANCE
Bison Bistro, MIB Basement

- Office of Justice Service Field Personnel

NOVEMBER 15

“ROCK YOUR MOCS DAY”—*Celebration of Unity and Tribal Individuality*
1:00PM — NATIVE FOOD DEMONSTRATION
Bison Bistro, MIB Basement

- Chef Freddie Bitsoie, *Mitsitam Café, National Museum of the American Indian—Smithsonian Institution*

NOVEMBER 20

“RED SHAWL DAY”—*Awareness of Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women*
1:00PM — PRESENTATION
Bison Bistro, MIB Basement

- “Wind River (Movie) and Law Enforcement in Indian Country”
- Charles Addington, *BIA Deputy Bureau Director—Justice Services*

NOVEMBER 28

TBD — VIDEO PRESENTATION
Bison Bistro, MIB Basement

- Solomon Atkinson, *First Native American Navy SEAL—Team #1*

1:00PM-2:00PM — BROWN BAG DISCUSSION
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- “Restoring Trust: Cultural Awareness Across the Department”
- Reed Robinson, *NPS—American Indian Liaison (Acting)*

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