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MEMORANDUM FOR Headquarters and Major Subordinate Commands Reporting
Directly to FORSCOM

SUBJECT: National American Indian Heritage Month Proclamation

1. In 1990, President George H.W. Bush signed a joint resolution designating the month of November "National American Indian Heritage Month." The month is a time to celebrate the diverse cultures, traditions, and histories and to acknowledge the important contributions of American Indians and Alaska Natives. We have the pleasure of celebrating the American Indian Heritage culture by honoring all that have served this great Nation proudly. This year's theme, "Serving our Nations," provides us the opportunity to learn about the contributions and achievements of many American Indians and Alaska Natives.
2. Historically, American Indians have served with tenacity and valor, committing to defeat all enemies of the United States, both foreign and domestic. Over 150,000 American Indian and Alaska Native Veterans live in the United States and ten percent of them are women. American Indians and Alaska Natives serve in the country's armed forces in greater numbers per capita than any other ethnic group, and they have served with distinction in every major conflict for over 200 years.
3. Forces Command joins the Nation in recognizing these men and women. We encourage all leaders to engage in learning and celebrating the American Indians' and Alaska Natives' culture, traditions, and histories this entire month. All Soldiers, Family Members, and Department of Defense Civilian personnel are encouraged to support the various programs available throughout the military, civilian, and local communities in honor of this great heritage.

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