

# WCPSS Board of Education

## American Indian Heritage Month



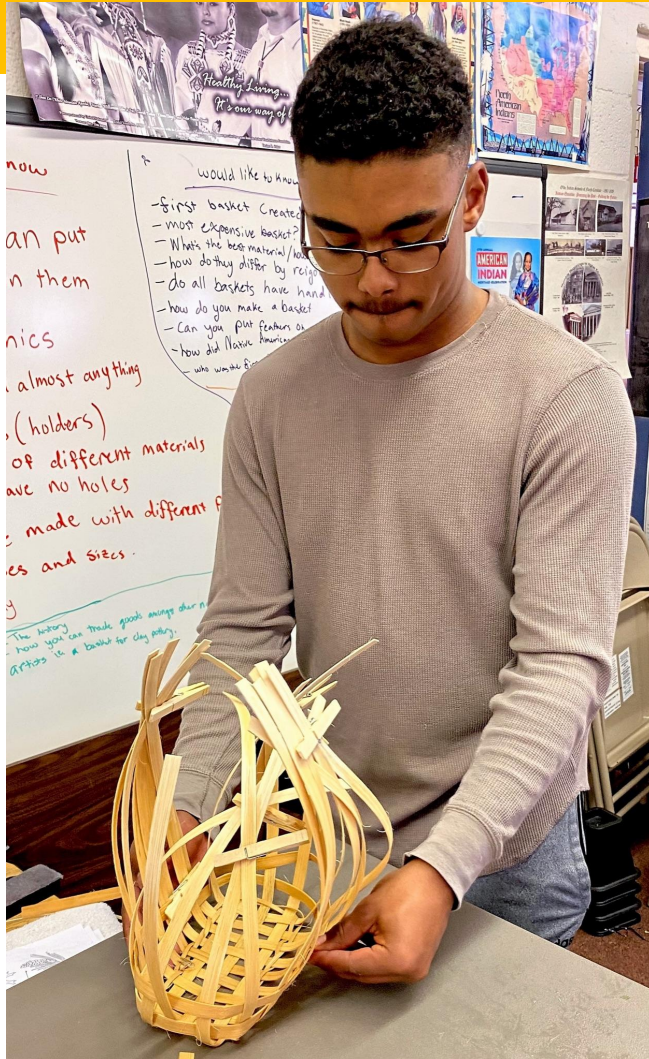
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**Dr. Ryan Emanuel (Lumbee)**  
President,  
Wake County Indian Education  
Parent Advisory Committee



# What is American Indian Heritage Month?



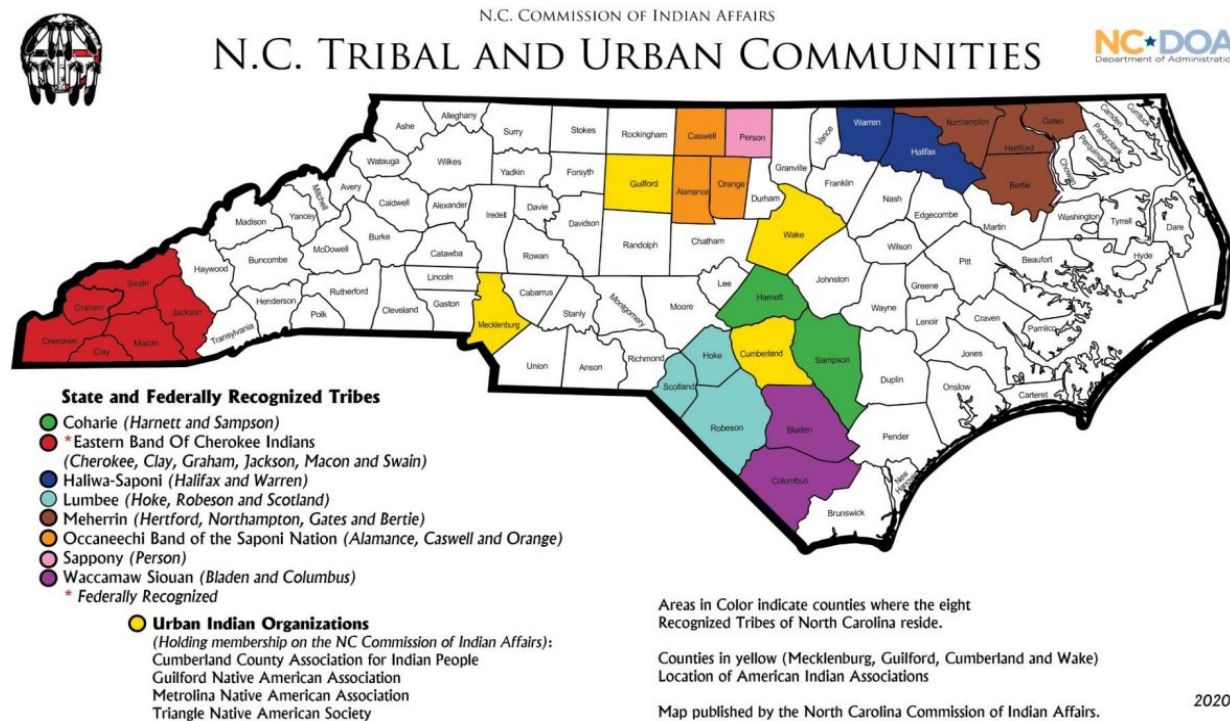
Since the early 1990s, US Presidents have issued annual proclamations designating November as **National American Indian Heritage Month**, or (since 2009) **National Native American Heritage Month**.

North Carolina's governors also issues annual proclamations to celebrate American Indian people in our state.

Proclamations acknowledge contributions of American Indians and urge the people of the United States to learn more about American Indian cultures, histories, and lived experiences.

# What is American Indian Heritage Month?

North Carolina is home to eight state-recognized tribes: The Coharie, the Eastern Band of the Cherokee, the Haliwa-Saponi, the Lumbee, the Meherrin, the Occaneechi Band of the Saponi Nation, the Sappony, and the Waccamaw-Siouan.



# Opportunities to Celebrate in the Community

North Carolina Museum of History  
27<sup>th</sup> Annual Indian Heritage Celebration Events

## **Virtual Cultural Education Day for teachers and students**

Friday, November 18th, 9 AM - 3:30 PM

Register at [www.ncmuseumofhistory.org](http://www.ncmuseumofhistory.org)

## **27<sup>th</sup> Annual Indian Heritage Celebration & In-person Festival**

Saturday, November 19th, 11 AM - 4 PM





# Available Resources

**\*Resources will be shared with district staff including teachers to utilize throughout the month and beyond to educate students\***

## **Elementary Instructional Resources**

- **Activity 1:** How and why do we celebrate Thanksgiving? (K-5)
- **Activity 2:** What was the culture, everyday life and status of an American Indian tribe before the arrival of Europeans?

## **Secondary Instructional Resources**

- **Activity 1:** To what extent are media and pop culture representations on Indian Nations accurate representations?
- **Activity 2:** How and why do we celebrate Thanksgiving?
- **Activity 3:** American Indian Heritage literacy selections for English III and IV

# Showcasing our Talents

## Hoop Dancers



Aspen Watson, Fifth Grader, Fuquay Varina  
Elementary

Skye Watson, Third Grader, Fuquay Varina  
Elementary

Accompanied by their father  
Dr. Linwood Watson, Member, Parent Advisory  
Committee



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