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**The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights Issues Statement Commemorating
Native American Heritage Month**

Washington, DC – The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, by unanimous vote, issued an official statement commemorating Native American Heritage Month.

The statement may be viewed at:

<http://www.usccr.gov/press/2016/PR-11-21-16.pdf>

Commission Chair Martin R. Castro stated, “The First Peoples of the Americas remain important contributors to the vibrant fabric of the United States of America and we celebrate their culture and traditions this month. We at the Commission pledge to be vigilant in doing our part to protect the civil rights of American Indians and urge the federal government to safeguard and respect Native American rights, traditions and culture.”

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