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American Indian Heritage Day activities planned

Great Promise, Bullock Museum partner to host live drumming, dancing and ceremony

SEPTEMBER 21, 2015 (AUSTIN, TX) - A variety of performances and educational opportunities will highlight the third annual Texas American Indian Heritage Day celebration on Friday, September 25, 2015, at the Bullock Texas State History Museum. Presented by the museum and Great Promise for American Indians, the event will feature public performances during the day at 10 and 11:30 a.m. and a public celebration from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Led by State Representative Roberto Alonzo Dist. 104 (D-Dallas), members of the Texas State Legislature passed H.B. No. 174 in 2013 to create a day to honor the history and heritage of American Indians in Texas and to recognize their many contributions to Texas culture. Held the last Friday in September, American Indian Heritage Day celebrates the historical, cultural and social contributions of American Indian communities to the state. This is observed through ceremonies, activities and programs in public schools and other places to celebrate traditional and contemporary American Indian culture.

Dancing, drumming, storytelling and educational presentations will occur throughout the day at the museum. School groups have been invited to daytime program and will participate in activities that illustrate Native American cultural traditions including storytelling, clothing decoration, art creation and food creation.

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In the evening, the public is invited to enjoy the traditional and contemporary arts of Texas's American Indian groups. This free public program will honor American Indians of yesterday and today, with art displays, dancing and drumming performances. Stations to learn more about traditional art and food will be available.

For more information, visit www.TheStoryofTexas.com, call the Bullock Museum at (512) 436-4649 or Great Promise for American Indians at (512) 371-0628.

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About the Bullock Museum

The Bullock Texas State History Museum in downtown Austin includes three floors of exhibitions, an IMAX® and 4D special-effects theaters, café and museum store. The Museum collaborates with more than 700 museums, libraries, archives and individuals to display original historical artifacts and produce exhibitions that illuminate and celebrate Texas history and culture. Named for the state's 38th Lieutenant Governor, Bob Bullock, the iconic building is at 1800 N. Congress Avenue. For more, visit TheStoryofTexas.com or call (512)936-8746.

About Great Promise for American Indians

Great Promise for American Indians is a 501©3 non-profit organization whose mission is to educate about Native American culture. Great Promise for American Indians is the umbrella organization for several programs and groups dedicated to presenting to our community the American Indians' rich traditions. The Austin Powwow and Heritage Festival is the primary event for reaching out to the Native and non-Native community.

American Indian Heritage Day

Public Program

September 25, 2015

Event Summary

With House Bill 174, the Texas State Legislature named the last Friday in September American Indian Heritage Day, which recognizes the historic, cultural, and social contributions American Indian communities and leaders have made to the state. We invite you to visit the Bullock Museum throughout the day for performances and hands-on activities, and a public program in the evening.

School Groups

Introduce your students to the culture of Texas's American Indians through first-hand experiences. Call (512) 463-6712 or email reservations@thestoryoftexas.com to plan your field trip to this FREE program.

Questions? Contact educations@thestoryoftexas.com for more information.

Schedule

Program for School Groups and Museum Visitors

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Discover the diversity of native groups that have called Texas home and find out more about groups currently living in Texas. Learn about cultural traditions including storytelling, clothing decoration, art creation, and food preparation at hands-on activity stations.

Performances

10:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Dancing and drumming performances by Great Promise for American Indians in the Museum lobby.

Public Celebration

6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Celebrate the traditional and contemporary arts of Texas's American Indian groups. This FREE public program will honor American Indians of yesterday and today, with art displays and dancing and drumming performances.

Stations to learn more about traditional art and foodways will be available both before and after the program.