

Fourth annual American Indian Heritage Day celebration planned

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

SEPTEMBER 8, 2016 (AUSTIN, TX) - A variety of performances and educational opportunities will highlight the fourth annual [Texas American Indian Heritage Day](#) celebration on Friday, Sept. 30, 2016, at the Bullock Texas State History Museum. Presented in partnership with [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 that evening from 6:30 to 8:00 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 a daytime program and will participate in activities that illustrate Native American cultural traditions including storytelling, clothing decoration, art creation and food ways.

In the evening, the public is invited to enjoy the traditional and contemporary performance arts of Texas's American Indian groups. This free public program will honor American Indian history, and



Grass dancer performing at the Bullock Museum during American Indian Heritage Day, a free family-friendly, public program in partnership with Great Promise for American Indians.

highlight the continued vibrant cultural traditions through dancing and drumming performances.

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 includes three floors of exhibitions, IMAX® and 4D special-effects theaters, a café and museum store. The Museum collaborates with more than 700 museums, libraries, archives and individuals to display original historical artifacts and host exhibitions that illuminate and celebrate Texas history and culture. For more, visit TheStoryofTexas.com or call (512) 936-8746.

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