



**BULLOCK
TEXAS
STATE HISTORY
MUSEUM**

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First American Indian Heritage Day in Texas planned

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

SEPTEMBER 24, 2013 (AUSTIN, TX) - The Bullock Texas History Museum and Great Promise for American Indians announce a celebration of the first annual Texas American Indian Heritage Day on Thursday, Sept. 26, 2013.

There will be public performances during the day from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and an evening performance from 5:30 to 7 p.m. featuring native flute music and a live presentation of American Indian drumming and dancing by the Eagle Point Singers. All events will take place at the Bullock Texas State History Museum, 1800 North Congress Ave., in downtown Austin.

Members of the 2013 Texas State Legislature passed H.B. No. 174, creating this new day of celebration to honor the history and heritage of American Indians in Texas and to recognize their many contributions to Texas culture. The last Friday in September will be set aside as American Indian Heritage Day in Texas to recognize the historic, cultural and social contributions of American Indian communities to the state.

The Legislature encourages American Indian Heritage Day to be observed through ceremonies, activities, and programs in public schools and other places to honor Native Americans in Texas and to celebrate the rich traditional and contemporary American Indian culture.

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The public is invited to enjoy live performances in the morning and afternoon and to attend a recognition ceremony in the museum rotunda in the evening.

The event is co-sponsored by the Native American and Indigenous Studies program at the University of Texas and the Native American Parent Committee.

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

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About the Bullock Museum

The Bullock Texas State History Museum in downtown Austin tells the unfolding story of the history, culture and people of Texas. One of the most popular attractions in Central Texas, the museum has welcomed over 6 million visitors since it opened in 2001. The museum and IMAX theatre are located at 1800 N. Congress Avenue, between the State Capital complex and the University of Texas campus, and are open Monday through Saturday, 9am to 6pm, and Sunday from noon to 6pm. For more, visit www.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.