



**BULLOCK
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American Indian Heritage Day activities planned

Bullock Museum, Great Promise for American Indians to host cultural celebration

SEPTEMBER 17, 2014 (AUSTIN, TX) — A variety of performances and educational opportunities will highlight the second annual Texas American Indian Heritage Day celebration on Friday, Sept. 26, 2014, at the Bullock Texas History Museum, 1800 North Congress Avenue in Austin. Presented by the museum and Great Promise for American Indians, the event will feature public performances during the day at 10:30 and 11:30 a.m. and an evening performance from 7 to 9 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 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 has been designated as American Indian Heritage Day in Texas to recognize 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.

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Dancing, drumming, storytelling and educational presentations will occur throughout the day at the museum. School groups have been invited to the daytime program and will participate in activities that illustrate traditional Native American arts and crafts, such as ribbon shirt making, jewelry design and American Indian drawing techniques.

In the evening, the public is invited to enjoy live performances and a celebration of contemporary American Indian artists beginning at 7 p.m. in the museum lobby. The program will include an Entry of Nations ceremony, dancing and drumming performances, flute playing and art displays.

For more information, visit TheStoryofTexas.com, call the Bullock Museum at (512) 936-4649, or contact Great Promise for American Indians at (512) 371-0628.

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. 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. For more, visit AustinPowWow.net.