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## **Bullock Museum to host seventh annual American Indian Heritage Day celebration this Friday**

Event honors Texas's American Indian groups with dancing, drumming and activities

**SEPTEMBER 25, 2019 (AUSTIN, TX)** — The Bullock Texas State History Museum, in partnership with Great Promise for American Indians, will host the seventh annual American Indian Heritage Day celebration on Friday, September 27. The free public evening event offers guests the opportunity to explore the *Becoming Texas* exhibition and enjoy traditional American Indian dancing and drumming performances.

"Diverse and complex peoples have lived in Texas for more than 16,000 years. Since the inception of American Indian Heritage Day, the Museum has been privileged to share that heritage and provide connections between past, present and future at our celebration each year," said Bullock Museum Deputy Director of Interpretation Kate Betz.

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 American Indian Heritage Day in order to recognize and honor the history and heritage of American Indians in Texas. Held the last Friday in September each year, the celebration highlights the contributions of American Indian communities to the state with ceremonies, activities and programs.

Throughout the day, Texas students and Museum visitors will learn about the historical, cultural, and social contributions American Indians have made to the state through interactive educational activities and two dancing and drumming performances at 10 am and 11:30 am. In the evening,



The 7th Annual American Indian Heritage Day celebration features traditional dancing and drumming performances by Great Promise for American Indians.

the public is invited to explore the *Becoming Texas* exhibition starting at 6 pm followed by a dancing and drumming performance beginning at 6:30 pm.

*Becoming Texas* explores more than 16,000 years of history, beginning with the earliest inhabitants of Texas. Artifacts, interactives and multimedia tell the story of American Indian groups living for thousands of years on the land we now call Texas and the American Indian artists who continue to pass on their cultures' traditions today.

For more information about American Indian Heritage Day or *Becoming Texas*, visit [TheStoryofTexas.com](http://TheStoryofTexas.com)

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#### **ABOUT THE BULLOCK MUSEUM**

The Bullock Texas State History Museum includes three floors of exhibitions, IMAX® and 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](https://www.thestoryoftexas.com) or call (512) 936-8746.

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