

# N ovember is National Native American Heritage Month

2014 Theme: Native Pride and Spirit: Yesterday, Today and Forever

“National American Indian Heritage Month” had its origins in 1986 when Congress passed Pub. L. 99-471 which authorized and requested the President to proclaim the week of November 23-30, 1986, as “American Indian Week.” In 1990, President George H.W. Bush approved a joint resolution designating the month of November 1990 as “National American Indian Heritage Month.” Similar proclamations, under variants on the name (including “National Native American Heritage Month” and “National American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month”) have been issued each year since 1990.

## **NATIVE AMERICAN PROFILE:** **DR. HENRIETTA MANN**

Dr. Mann is a Cheyenne enrolled with the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes located in Oklahoma. She earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU) in 1954, and a Master of Arts Degree from Oklahoma State University in 1970. In 1982, she earned her Doctor of Philosophy Degree in American Studies from the University of New Mexico (UNM). She is Professor Emeritus in Native American Studies, Montana State University where she continues to serve as Special Assistant to the President. On leave from Montana State University, she is the founding president of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal College temporarily located on the campus of SWOSU in Weatherford, OK.

Dr. Mann has been a professor/administrator at: The University of California, Berkeley; University of Montana, Missoula; Graduate School of Education, Harvard University; and Haskell Indian Nations University, Lawrence, Kansas. She was the first person to fill the Katz Endowed Chair in Native American Studies at Montana State University, Bozeman. In 1991, Rolling Stone Magazine named her as one of the ten top professors in the nation. SWOSU inducted her into its Hall of Fame in 1997. The UNM Alumni Association honored her as its 2008 recipient of the Bernard S. Rodey Award for her leadership in education. She also received the 2008 National Indian Education Association Lifetime Achievement Award.



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