

November is National Native American Heritage Month

2020 Theme:

Sovereignty is Sacred: Sharing Our Rights and Cultures

“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 have been issued each year since 1990.

SPOTLIGHT: Sarah EchoHawk, Chief Executive Officer, American Indian Science & Engineering Society (AISES)



Sarah EchoHawk, a citizen of the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma, has been working for Native people for over 20 years. She has been the CEO at AISES since 2013. Ms. EchoHawk previously worked for First Nations Development Institute and the American Indian College Fund. Currently, she serves as Vice Chair for Native Americans in Philanthropy, Chair for the Native Ways Federation, and Chair for Red Feather Development Group. She also serves on the Champions Board for the National Girls Collaborative, and the Collaborative Advisory Board for Women of Color in Computing Research. She is Co-PI on three National Science Foundation grant projects and served as an Ambassador for the U.S. Department of Energy’s Minorities in Energy Initiative. Ms. EchoHawk has a Master of Nonprofit Management (MNM) degree from Regis University and an undergraduate degree in Political Science and Native American Studies from Metro State University of Denver.

AISES is a national, nonprofit organization focused on substantially increasing the representation of American Indians, Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians, Pacific Islanders, First Nations and other indigenous peoples of North America in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) studies and careers.

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