

Native American Heritage Month Activity

REFERENCE

National Congress of American Indians

<https://www.ncai.org/initiatives/native-american-heritage-month>

The month is a time to celebrate rich and diverse cultures, traditions, and histories and to acknowledge the important contributions of Native people. Heritage Month is also an opportune time to educate the public about tribes, to raise a general awareness about the unique challenges Native people have faced both historically and in the present, and the ways in which tribal citizens have worked to conquer these challenges.

Indian Affairs/Department of the Interior

<https://www.indianaffairs.gov/as-ia/opa/national-native-american-heritage-month>

This November and every month, we celebrate the culture and heritage of these remarkable Americans who deeply enrich the quality and character of our Nation.

We aim to celebrate Indian Country with its wonderful diversity of American Indian and Alaska Native cultures and peoples, while remembering and honoring our veterans who have sacrificed so much to defend our nation

INITIATIVE

National Native American Heritage Month opportunity utilizing the 2021 “Spirit of The Ceremonial” TV documentary as an educational tool and/or activity to create awareness. For example, schools could broadcast (assembly, in-class, etc.) the “Spirit of The Ceremonial” TV documentary as part of their school’s NNAHM activities.

DESCRIPTION

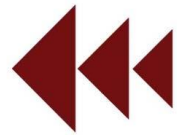
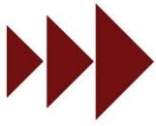
The “Spirit of the Ceremonial” is a 1-hour TV documentary which features an enchanting presentation of the 99-year-old New Mexico Native American festival the Gallup Intertribal Ceremonial which celebrates Native American tribal diversity, culture, heritage, art, songs & dances. This documentary explores the event origin and history, unique memorable story elements, interviews, and captivating live performances by Native American and Indigenous Dance Groups from New Mexico and beyond. The “Spirit of the Ceremonial” was originally televised statewide, and online, on KOB TV (NBC affiliate) August 19, 2021.

RELEVANCE of “Spirit of the Ceremonial” to National Native American Heritage Month

- Celebration of rich and diverse cultures, traditions, languages, and histories
- Educate and raise awareness of the general public about Tribe’s histories and contributions
- Historical and Present-day cultural legacy, resilience, and prosperity of Native American Tribes
- Culturally authentic and appropriate representation

TOPICS

- Native American History & Traditions
- Native American Contemporary representation
- Diversity Native American Tribes and Indigenous Tribes
- Includes Native American perspective
- Songs & Dances of Native American & Indigenous Peoples
- Native American Arts

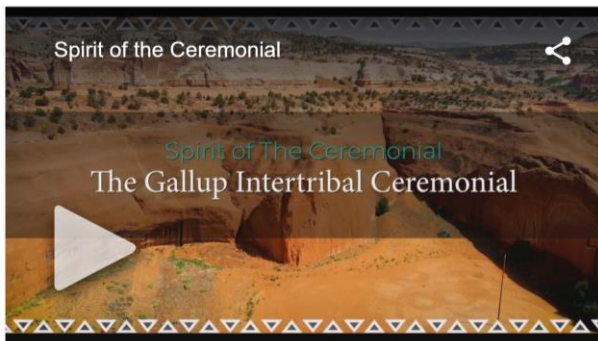


- New Mexico History
- Native American Role Models (Traditional and Contemporary)
- Songs and Dances: Navajo, Zuni, Hopi, Alaskan, Māori
- Native American Event (historical to present day)
- City of Gallup Traders history & role
- Geographical Map References
- Authentic Native American/Indigenous music throughout film
- Native American/Indigenous Language representation

APPROPRIATE for All Audiences/Ages/Grades

HOW to view - Spirit of the Ceremonial can be streamed at www.GallupIntertribalCeremonial.com

'Spirit of the Ceremonial': Celebrating 99 years of the Gallup Intertribal Ceremonial



CAST

Co-Hosts:

Colton Shone (Diné/Navajo) | KOBTV Anchor

Tara Gatewood (Isleta Pueblo) | Indigenous Foundation Program Radio Host

Interviews | Dance Groups

2019-2021 Ceremonial Queen Autumn Pilcher

Cellicion Zuni Dancers (New Mexico)

HAKA - Māori Cultural Experience

Johnny "JC" Badonie

Marvin Toddy

Navajo Song & Dance (New Mexico)

Pow Wow Dancers

Richardson Trading Post

Steve Arviso

Beulah and Pearl Sunrise

Ellis Tanner Trading Company

Hopi Hooyapi Dance Group (Arizona)

Kathy Marianito

Mayor Lou Bonaguidi

Pamyua (Alaska)

Black Eagle Drum Group

Sean Marianito

Zuni Olla Maidens (New Mexico)