

Michigan Indian Day

(Act 30 of 1974)

“The fourth Friday in September of each year shall be known as Michigan Indian day. This date is not to be construed as a legal holiday.”

Although Michigan Indian Day was enacted in 1974, it did not gain momentum until 2007 when the House of Representatives resolved the following:

Michigan Indian Day is an excellent opportunity for Michigan citizens to better understand and appreciate the many contributions that people of Native American descent have made to our state.

The state of Michigan has the 9th largest population of American Indians in the country - more than 125,000.

Native American people have made vast contributions to the landscape, culture, history, politics, and economy of Michigan.

Today, Native American people significantly contribute to environmental protection by setting an example of good stewardship, intergovernmental cooperation in police and fire protection, as well as leadership in securing an international accord to oppose diversion of Great Lakes Basin waters.

Michigan should designate a day to focus attention on the many cultural and historical contributions of Michigan’s Native American community.

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As a sovereign nation, the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan recognizes and celebrates this as an established Tribal Holiday.

