

Gov. Evers: Celebrating Indigenous Peoples Day in Wisconsin

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Gov. Tony Evers today recognized and celebrated Indigenous Peoples Day with a video message honoring Wisconsin's Native Nations and reaffirming the state's commitment to respecting Tribal Sovereignty and utilizing government-to-government relationships to build a stronger future for the state.

First recognized in 2019 when Gov. Evers signed [Executive Order #50](#) to annually designate the second Monday in October as Indigenous Peoples Day, today marks the fourth year in row Wisconsin has celebrated Indigenous Peoples Day. A copy of this year's Indigenous Peoples Day proclamation is available [here](#).

Last year, in addition to recognizing the annual observance of Indigenous Peoples Day in Wisconsin, Gov. Evers signed [Executive Order #136](#) issuing a formal acknowledgement and apology for [Wisconsin's historical role in Indian boarding schools](#). The governor's order also included a formal declaration of support for the U.S. Department of the Interior's [Federal Indian Boarding School Initiative](#).

Wisconsin is home to twelve Native Nations, including the Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, Forest County Potawatomi, Ho-Chunk Nation, Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians, Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin, Oneida Nation, Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, Sokaogon Chippewa Community, Mole Lake Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, St. Croix Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin, Stockbridge-Munsee Community Band of Mohican Indians, and Brothertown Indian Nation.

The governor's Indigenous Peoples Day video message is available [here](#)