



DID YOU KNOW?

NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

- In 1914, the Rev. Red Fox James of the Blackfeet tribe rode roughly 4,000 miles on horseback to petition President Woodrow Wilson to establish a national “Indian Day” – one of the earliest efforts to gain federal recognition for Native American heritage. *Source: history.com*
- Approximately 574 federally recognized tribes exist in the U.S. today, with 229 of them in Alaska and the remaining tribes spread across 35 other states. The Navajo Nation is the largest, making up 14.6% of the total American Indian population nationwide. *Source: dailybreak.com*
- There are 175 remaining Indigenous languages spoken across the United States today. The most widely spoken is Navajo, with approximately 170,000 speakers, a reflection of the Navajo Nation's standing as the largest Native American tribe in the country. *Source: dailybreak.com*
- It was not until 1924 that Congress enacted the Indian Citizenship Act, granting Native Americans U.S. citizenship. Even then, the right to vote was not guaranteed in all 50 states. Full voting access took another four decades to achieve nationwide. *Source: Native American Rights Fund*

