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FEDERAL HOLIDAY RECOGNIZING NATIVE
AMERICAN INDIANS, ALASKANS AND HAWAIIANS

DATE:

LETTER TO:

AT THIS TIME THERE IS NO FEDERAL HOLIDAY FOR NATIVE AMERICANS. YET WE AS NATIVE AMERICANS SUPPORT AND PAY FOR ALL OF THE OTHER HOLIDAYS. IS IT FAIR FOR US TO HELP PAY FOR AND RECOGNIZE HOLIDAYS FOR WHITES AND BLACKS BUT IN RETURN NO RECOGNITION FOR OUR HERITAGE AND CULTURE? THERE IS A FEDERAL HOLIDAY RECOGNIZING COLUMBUS FOR DISCOVERING US AND OUR LAND, IS THIS APPROPRIATE? PEOPLE ARE TELLING ME TO TAKE COLUMBUS NAME OFF AND MAKE IT NATIVE AMERICANS DAY.

IS IT ASKING TO MUCH FOR THIS COUNTRY TO GIVE NATIVE AMERICANS THEIR HOLIDAY TO PAY TRIBUTE TO THEIR PAST LEADERS AND TO PAY TRIBUTE TO THEIR HERITAGE? IS IT FAIR FOR NATIVE AMERICANS NOT TO BE REPRESENTED ON THE PRESIDENT'S CABINET? IS IT FAIR FOR NO NATIVE AMERICANS ON THE SUPREME COURT?

NATIVE AMERICANS WOULD LIKE TO SEE A NATIVE AMERICAN AS PRESIDENT. WILL THIS HAPPEN WITHIN THE DEMOCRAT AND REPUBLICAN PARTY? PEOPLE ARE TELLING ME NATIVE AMERICANS NEED THEIR OWN POLITICAL PARTY AND THEIR OWN NATIONAL TV STATION NETWORK. NATIVE AMERICANS ARE SYSTEMATICALLY EXCLUDED CONSIDERABLY THROUGHOUT THE GOVERNMENT, BUT WE HELP PAY FOR AND SUPPORT THE GOVERNMENT. NATIVE AMERICANS HAVE BEEN DIVIDED FOR TOO LONG.

A NATIONAL HOLIDAY WOULD BE ONE SMALL STEP TOWARD ENDING THIS PROBLEM. NATIVE AMERICANS BRING BILLIONS OF DOLLARS TO OUR COUNTRY FROM THE TOURIST INDUSTRY ALONE. A NATIONAL HOLIDAY WOULD UP THIS AMOUNT GREATLY. IN FACT, A NATIVE AMERICAN HOLIDAY WOULD BE A PLUS DOLLAR WISE AND GIVE RECOGNITION TO THE FIRST AMERICANS.

I ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN ALL AREAS TO HELP BRING ABOUT A NATIVE AMERICAN HOLIDAY.

THANK YOU,

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