



### American Heritage Month

In the U.S., November is [Native American Heritage Month](#). The month is meant to call attention to contributions made by the first Americans to the development of North America, and to raise awareness about the struggles and triumphs of Native Americans throughout history and today. One such struggle is the vulnerability to human trafficking experienced by Indigenous peoples. One study involving the U.S. and Canada found that on average, [40 percent of female sex trafficking victims](#) identified as American Indian, Alaska Native, or First Nations, although Native women represent only 10 percent or less of the general population in the studied communities. [Click here](#) for more information on how “unique historical experiences have increased the likelihood that Native women and girls will encounter situations of exploitation at some point in their lives.” The AMSSNDs have chosen human trafficking as one of their focus areas of social justice – please visit [their website](#) for more information on human trafficking and actions you can take to fight against it.

View these beautiful photo galleries for visual information on [Native American Tribes and Cultures](#), [Native American Warriors and Battle](#), and [Native American Legislation](#).