



STATE OF ALABAMA  
**PROCLAMATION**  
BY THE GOVERNOR

*WHEREAS, American Indians play a vital role in the life of our country, and their many contributions have greatly enhanced the freedom, prosperity, and greatness of America today; and*

*WHEREAS, our state citizens are fortunate to benefit from our state's rich American Indian heritage; and*

*WHEREAS, the Alabama Indian Affairs Commission, the seven tribes recognized by the State of Alabama, museums, and other interested entities and individuals have demonstrated an interest in showcasing Alabama's Native American Culture; and*

*WHEREAS, these Indian tribes, state organizations, museums, and individuals have come together to recognize a year-long presentation of cultural events to take place throughout the state; and*

*WHEREAS, the State of Alabama wishes to celebrate its American Indian culture and designate the year of 1998 as "The Year of the American Indian" in order to acknowledge this significant historic heritage:*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Fob James, Jr., Governor of the State of Alabama, do hereby proclaim the year of 1998 as*

*The Year of the American  
Indian*

*in Alabama.*



*GIVEN UNDER MY HAND and the Great Seal of the Governor's Office at the State Capitol in the City of Montgomery on this 25th day of November, 1997.*

*Fob James, Jr.*  
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FOB JAMES, JR.