

Letter: Fort Pierce recognizes Native American culture

By reader submitted

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On Nov. 2, I attended the meeting of the Fort Pierce City Commission. It was thrilling to watch local democracy in action.

Mayor Bob Benton signed a proclamation endorsing the month of November as Indian Heritage Month. The community is urged to observe Native Americans' contributions in appropriate ways.

My purpose in attending was to accept the proclamation on behalf of the Cora Stickney Harper local chapter of the National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution.

The DAR spends approximately \$750,000 yearly in support of our Native Americans. The organization contributes to Barcone College in Oklahoma, a four-year accredited college; to Chenowa Indian School in Oregon, a secondary boarding school attended by students representing more than 70 tribes; and to Indian Youth of America summer camps.

A number of DAR scholarships are also available specifically for Native Americans.

My thanks to Mayor Benton for recognizing the significance of our Native American culture.

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