Coalition *for the* **Delaware River Watershed**

Native American Heritage Month is celebrated during the month of November to recognize the culture, traditions, and achievements of Native Americans, Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians, and affiliated Island communities!

Join us in spreading the #NativeAmericanHeritageMonth message by sharing the content found in this toolkit! Please help us elevate and amplify #NativeAmericanHeritageMonth throughout the month of November.

These social media posts and graphics are available for your organization to use on Native American Heritage Month taking place November 2024. Feel free to change the language to fit your organization's mission/tone. Questions? Contact meagan.schaefer@delriverwatershed.org

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- November is #NativeAmericanHeritageMonth and we're grateful for the Leni-Lenape, the original people and first stewards of the #DelRiverWatershed. The Lenape are indigenous to the places we now call New Jersey, Delaware, southern New York, and eastern Pennsylvania.

- The Leni-Lenape resided along #DelRiverWatershed rivers and creeks to access water and food, such as shad and sturgeon, and utilized natural resources to build their homes. Though the Lenape utilized natural resources, they tread gently on this earth. #NativeAmericanHeritageMonth. www.lenape-nation.org

- The Delaware River has always been sacred to the Leni-Lenape and their culture. This November, use #NativeAmericanHeritageMonth as an opportunity to better understand our original water and land stewards. https://nativeamericanheritagemonth.gov

- The Leni-Lenape strove to "walk so gently on the earth" without leaving a big impact on the environment, and were the first stewards of the land in the #DelRiverWatershed. The Lenape called the Delaware River Poutaxat, Mochijirickhickon and Lenapewihittuck. #NativeAmericanHeritageMonth

- DYK? The Leni-Lenape tribe's closely-related Munsee tribe occupied the Upper Delaware River Basin in New York. In fact, the name "Manhattan" comes from the Lenape "Manahatta," meaning "hilly island." #NativeAmericanHeritageMonth