

NATIVE HERITAGE MONTH

Social Policy Resolution

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Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
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Adopted by the 2012 Church Council

WHEREAS, the President of the United States has declared November to be National Native American Heritage Month, and November 23, 2012, as National Native American Heritage Day; and

WHEREAS, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) has a commitment to justice and inclusion for all peoples; and

WHEREAS, the ELCA maintains its commitment to American Indian and Alaska Native peoples through congregations, associations and staff; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Church Council at its November 2012 meeting join synods and congregations in greeting the tribes who originally inhabited the North American continent, apologizing for injustices rendered in the past, and pledging to work together in the future; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Church Council inform the synods and congregations of the ELCA during the month of November, and issue a press release regarding this action.