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The third anniversary of Indigenous Peoples' Day in Wisconsin is an opportunity to celebrate and commit to the preservation of Indigenous American cultures.

BRUNSWICK, WI - In 2019 Governor Tony Evers declared the second Monday of October to be commemorated as Indigenous Peoples' Day in Wisconsin. On the third anniversary of this day, we should reflect on all we owe to the Indigenous communities that contribute so much to the state of Wisconsin.

Since the arrival of European settlers, American culture has portrayed Native individuals in derogatory ways. Despite many historic and modern-day challenges that Native Americans have faced, Indigenous communities have endured.

Indigenous Peoples' Day is an opportunity for all Wisconsinites to recognize the rich ancestral history and cultural impact of First Nations peoples in our state, a history that so often goes unappreciated. Just as important, this day allows us time to contemplate our nation's history when it comes to interactions between the United States government and sovereign tribal communities.

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Having a good relationship with the community is important for any business. It's not just about the money, but about the people who work for you and the people who live in the community. It's about the people who are the heart of the business.