

9c – 35th Anniversary Statement – George H. W. Bush



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I send greetings to those celebrating the 35th anniversary of President Richard Nixon's special message to Congress on Indian Affairs.

On this day, we pay tribute to the courage and determination of Native Americans. The enduring experiences of the first people to call our country home are central to the American story. These tribal communities uphold the great traditions and values of their ancestors, and their contributions have helped shape our culture and national character. My Administration remains committed to honoring the proud legacy of Native Americans by continuing to recognize the defining principles of tribal sovereignty and the right to self-determination.

I appreciate all those who have helped foster greater understanding among all Americans and celebrate the ancient, noble, and vibrant history of American Indian and Alaska Native tribes. Your efforts reflect the spirit of our Nation and contribute to the diversity that makes our country strong.

Laura and I send our best wishes on this special occasion.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "George H. W. Bush". The signature is stylized and cursive, with a large initial "G" and "B".