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NATIONAL AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVE HERITAGE MONTH OBSERVED AT VA WNY HEALTHCARE SYSTEM

A special observance will take place Friday, November 21 at VA Western New York Healthcare System, 3495 Bailey Avenue, to increase awareness about Native American culture and services. The program will take place at 9:30am in Freedom Hall, room 301. Sheldon Sundown, a mental health peer advocate from Native American Independent Living Services will discuss programs and services available to Native Americans living on area Nation territories and in urban areas to include Independent living, family support services, reimbursement program, to veterans, employees and the public.

In addition to the presentation, A Native American drum group will provide entertainment. James P. Cody, interim medical center director stated, "VA WNY Healthcare System salutes and honors all American Indian and Alaska Native contributions to the Department and our society. During this month's observance, we specifically express our appreciation for these contributions and for the dedicated service by our American Indian and Alaska Native veterans."

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