



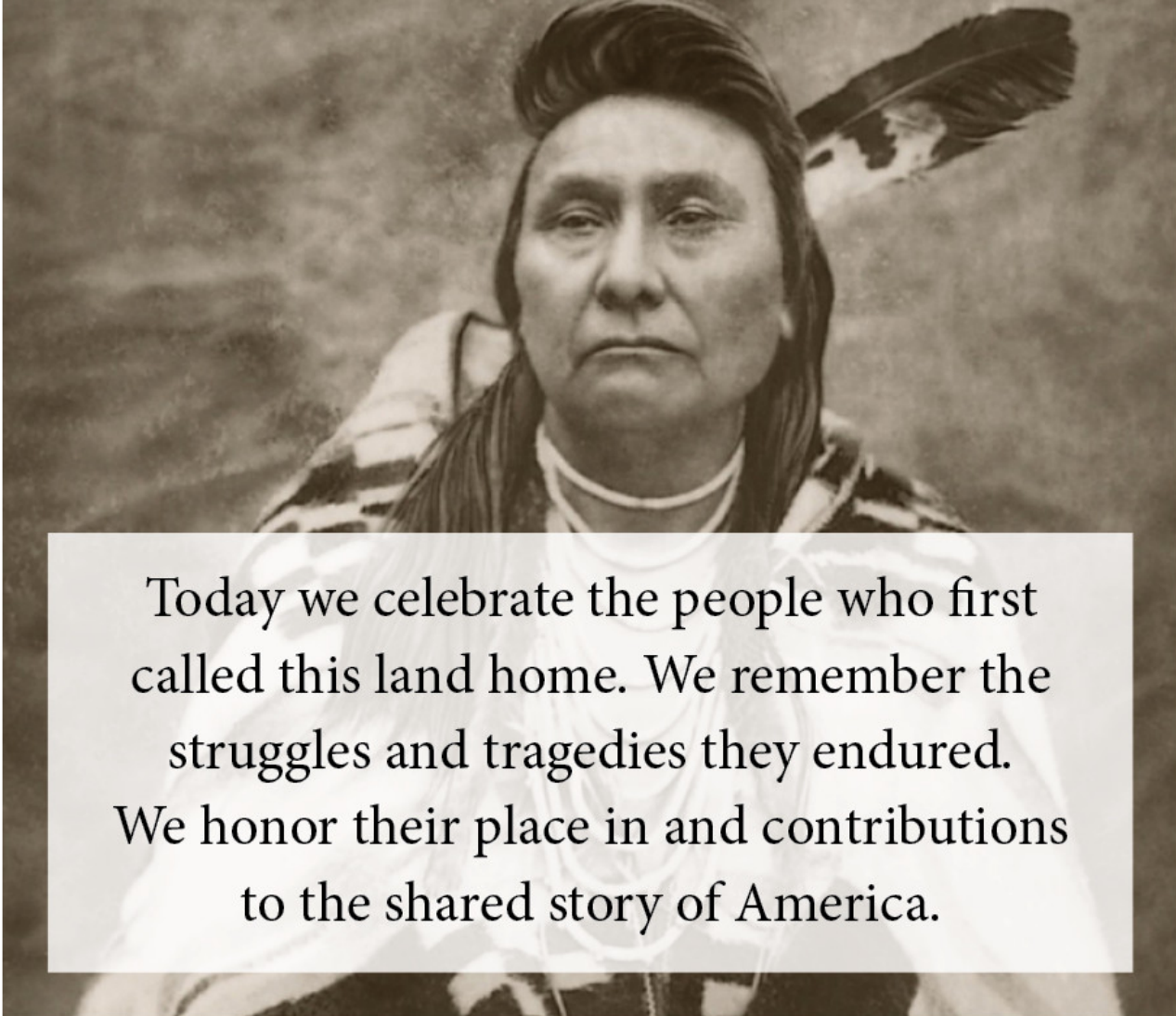
**INDIGENOUS
PEOPLES DAY**

October 1 in Leelanau County



In 1977 the International Conference on Discrimination Against Indigenous Populations in the Americas began to discuss a celebration to be known as Indigenous Peoples Day.

Indigenous Peoples Day



Today we celebrate the people who first called this land home. We remember the struggles and tragedies they endured. We honor their place in and contributions to the shared story of America.

As we focus on the healing element of Indigenous Peoples Day we open ourselves up to being better global citizens who are aware of the struggles and the experience of other people and groups.

-Ruthie Edd
student at Fort Lewis College in Durango, CO





Indigenous Peoples Day represents a shift in consciousness. It acknowledges that indigenous peoples and their voices are important in today's conversations.

-Dr. Leo Killsback

Assistant Professor of American Indian Studies Arizona State University

The indigenous people of Leelanau County are the people of the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa & Chippewa Indians. From their website . . .



We are the Odawa (Ottawa) the Ojibwa (Chippewa) and Bodowadomi (Pottawatomi) people. Our oral history traces us back to the Eastern Coast of Turtle Island where our spiritual leaders told us that we should travel to the west until we found the food growing on the water. Our people traveled until we found wild rice growing on the water and we knew we were home.

Recognition of Indigenous Peoples' Day seeks to value indigenous peoples' contributions made to the community, to promote equality, and to "promote an environment where all may achieve their full potential."

-9/7/17 The Cornell Daily Sun



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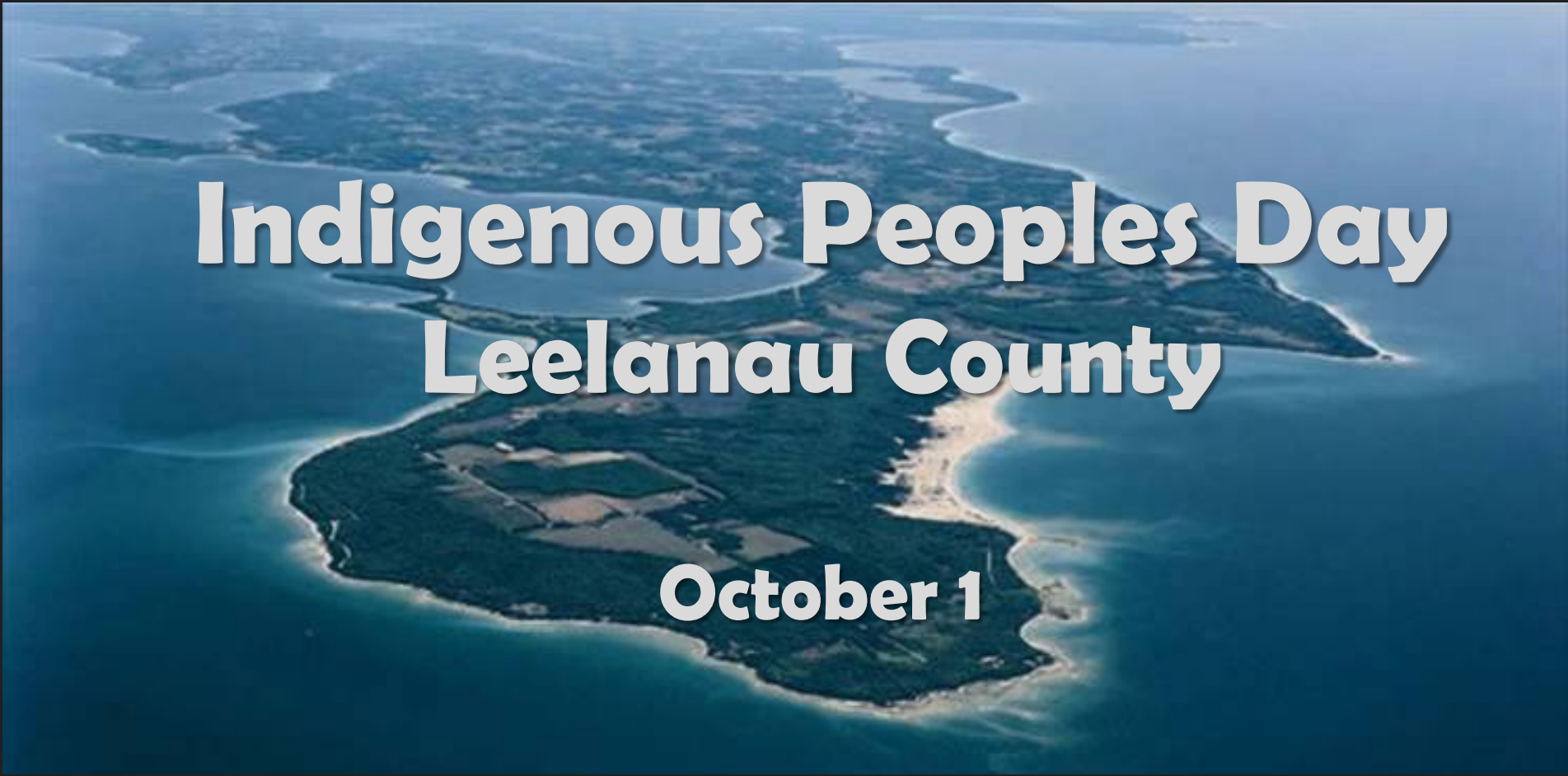
With the institution of Indigenous Peoples Day in Leelanau County, an important step has been made to recognize the dignity of those upon whose shoulders the history of this county is built.



Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians
2017 Pow-Wow

**In this outward and visible sign of respect and gratitude,
we help support future generations of indigenous people
with whom the welfare and future of this county will be built.**



An aerial photograph of a coastal region, likely Leelanau County, Michigan. The image shows a large body of water in shades of blue and green, with a prominent peninsula or island in the center. The land is a mix of green forest and brownish-tan fields. The text is overlaid on the image in a white, bold, sans-serif font.

Indigenous Peoples Day Leelanau County

October 1

**A Day to Honor, Respect,
Remember, Celebrate, & Dream**