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Dr. Clara Sue Kidwell
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Dear Dr. Kidwell:

It is a great honor to support a Native Foods Celebration at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in recognition of November as American Indian Heritage Month.

North Carolina is home to the largest Native American population east of the Mississippi River. UNC has recognized the importance of promoting knowledge about Native Americans by establishing an academic major in American Indian Studies and creating the American Indian Center to provide a focal point for discussion of American Indian cultural, social and economic issues on campus. In addition, through the Center we are able to link the State's American Indian Tribes and urban organizations with campus resources for research and technical assistance.

Showing Carolina students and young people in our community the history of Native American crops and their place in our diet today is a great way to recognize and celebrate the many achievements and contributions made by the American Indian inhabitants of North Carolina. I hope that you have a great crowd to kick off American Indian Heritage Month festivities.

Sincerely,

Holden Thorp