



STATE OF NEW MEXICO INDIAN AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT

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Governor Lujan Grisham and Indian Affairs Department issue Statements in honor of American Indian Day

Santa Fe – Gov. Lujan Grisham and New Mexico Indian Affairs Department (IAD) Cabinet Secretary issued the following statements in honor of American Indian Day, which falls on the first Friday of each February.

Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham:

"Today, on American Indian Day, I reaffirm the commitment of this administration to continuing productive and respectful government-to-government relationships between the State of New Mexico and our 23 sovereign Nations, Tribes, and Pueblos. I join the Legislature and all New Mexicans in celebrating the Indigenous nations and peoples of New Mexico and recognizing the strength of working together to support Native New Mexicans and honor the wealth of knowledge and wisdom Native communities contribute to our state."

IAD Cabinet Secretary Lynn Trujillo:

"The tradition of honoring New Mexico's 23 tribes, nations, and pueblos during the legislative session goes back several years. It provides us with a moment to reflect on the tremendous contributions of native people and the lessons passed down from our ancestors. Let us take time today to recognize Indian Day and celebrate the beauty and power of Americas First Citizens."

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Proclamation

WHEREAS, New Mexicans are very proud that the Pueblo, Apache, and Navajo people, and approximately 200,000 American Indian citizens, call our great state home; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico's tribes, nations and pueblos are indigenous to this great land and contribute to the rich culture of our state by maintaining their ancient traditions, their sacred languages, and a harmonious way of life; and

WHEREAS, American Indians have been faced with many challenges throughout history, and yet they prosper and contribute to our great state and nation in many areas such as: economic development, conservation, renewable energy, preservation of land, water, and natural resources, serving in the armed forces, and blessing us with their beautiful and vibrant cultures, which makes up an important part of our state's identity and brings hundreds of thousands of tourists to New Mexico each year; and

WHEREAS, The State of New Mexico, through the Indian Affairs Department, works to promote mutual respect between state and tribal governments and supports the principles of tribal self-determination and self-governance through laws and policies that strengthen intergovernmental relationships, including the State Tribal Collaboration Act; and

WHEREAS, the first Friday of February of each year in New Mexico is set apart as "American Indian Day" in recognition of the many contributions of the American Indians to the economic and cultural heritage of New Mexico and The United States.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Michelle Lujan Grisham, Governor of New Mexico, do hereby proclaim February 4, 2022, as:

"American Indian Day"

throughout the State of New Mexico.

Attest:

Maggie Youlouse Oliver
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Secretary of State

Done at the Executive Office this
31st day of January 2022.

Witness my hand and the Great Seal
of the State of New Mexico.

Michelle Lujan Grisham
Michelle Lujan Grisham
Governor

