



2026 CALENDAR



NEW MEXICO INDIAN AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT

MISSION

The NM Indian Affairs Department is committed to be a resource by:

- Advocating for tribal interests at state and federal levels through policy and legislative work;
- Supporting tribes with access to resources, technical assistance and funding opportunities;
- Connecting tribes with the executive branch, other tribes and with the tools and resources they need to be self-governing and self-sufficient.

VISION

Our vision is that tribal nations, tribal communities and Indigenous people are happy, healthy and prosperous and that traditional ways of life are honored, valued and respected.

OVERVIEW

Indian Affairs Department (IAD) is a Cabinet Level agency within the Executive Branch of the State of New Mexico. IAD investigates and addresses the health, economy, education and legislative impacts affecting Indian conditions and relations in New Mexico. IAD collaborates with other state agencies, promotes public participation and serves as the clearinghouse for all state programs impacting Indian communities.

The department may hold hearings, conduct meetings, investigate issues and partner with tribal, local, state and federal entities to promote the welfare of New Mexico's Indian people. It also contracts with tribal governments, public agencies or private entities to provide services and facilities for Indian communities.

IAD administers key funding programs:

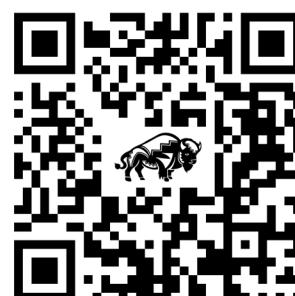
- Tribal Infrastructure Fund (TIF): Competitive funding for robust community proposals from federally recognized Nations, Pueblos and Tribes.
- Capital Outlay funding: Authorized by the Legislature and the Governor, typically for building, improving or equipping public-use physical property.

Once approved, funds are administered by IAD to Nations, Pueblos, Tribes and tribal-serving organizations. IAD also focuses on matters such as Behavioral Health & Suicide Prevention, Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons (MMIP), Environmental Justice, Policy & Legislation and more.

HISTORY

In 1953, the New Mexico Legislature created the Commission on Indian Affairs (Commission) by statute. The statute established the Commission as a state agency whose purpose was to investigate, study and consider Indian conditions and relations. The Commission's statute was amended in 1975 and an Office of Indian Affairs (Office) was created. Additional duties were added for the Office which included coordinating intergovernmental programs concerning tribe governments and the State of New Mexico and to set policy for all state programs affecting Indians of New Mexico.

On June 30, 2003, former Governor Bill Richardson signed Executive Order 2003-022, which elevated the Office to a Cabinet-level Department. In 2004, the New Mexico Legislature passed HB 39, which formally established the Indian Affairs Department (IAD). Under HB 39, IAD was appropriated \$527,000 and established two divisions: Administrative Services and Program Services. At that time, IAD had ten staff members, including the Cabinet Secretary. Senator Benny Shendo, Jr. was IAD's first Cabinet Secretary. Since IAD's inception, there have been eight Cabinet Secretaries.



Scan to visit us online

www.iad.nm.gov | (505) 476-1600

1220 S. St. Francis Dr., Santa Fe, NM 87505





Boozhoo/Aniin/Tawnshi!

The New Mexico Indian Affairs Department (IAD) is proud to present this 2026 calendar. IAD hopes this calendar provides our constituents with insight into some of the important state deadlines, some important dates for Indian Country in New Mexico, as well as some beautiful artwork and photos of our communities and IAD staff working for you.

IAD is honored to continue working with Nations, Pueblos, Tribes and tribal citizens throughout our great state.

I wish you all a happy, safe and healthy 2026!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Josett Monette".

Josett D. Monette Esq.,
Cabinet Secretary

NATIONS, PUEBLOS AND TRIBES (NPTS) IN NEW MEXICO





JANUARY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
				New Year's Day State Offices Closed	Legislation may be pre-filed for Session	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
		King's Day				
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
			Tribal Leader Welcome and Policy Update OBAE Tribal Broadband Meeting	U.S. DOT Fund Deadline	Last Day to Pre-File State Legislation	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Martin Luther King Jr. Day State Offices Closed	Opening Day of Legislative Session			DWS Native Workforce Partners Quarterly Meeting	Pueblo de San Ildefonso Feast Day	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
			NMED EPA Grants Deadline			
DOH Annual Health Council Statewide Meeting						

KEY DATES IN 2026

■ National Dates

■ State Dates

■ IAD Dates

■ Tribal Dates



New Mexico
Indian Affairs Department

www.iad.nm.gov
(505) 476-1600



Some of the dates and events listed
above are subject to change. Please
contact the appropriate organizers
and hosts for more information.



The New Mexico Indian Affairs Department hosts American Indian Day at the New Mexico State Capitol annually on the first Friday in February.

FEBRUARY

Black History Month

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 Groundhog Day Guadalupe Hidalgo Treaty Day Capital Outlay Reauthorizations Deadline for Legislators (3:00 PM)	3	4 Deadline for Introduction of State Bills for Legislature	5	6 American Indian Day at the Legislature TIF Portal Opens	7
8	9	10	11 OBAE Tribal Broadband Meeting	12	13	14 Valentine's Day
15	16	17	18	19 New Mexico Legislative Session Ends at Noon	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28

KEY DATES IN 2026

■ National Dates

■ State Dates

■ IAD Dates

■ Tribal Dates

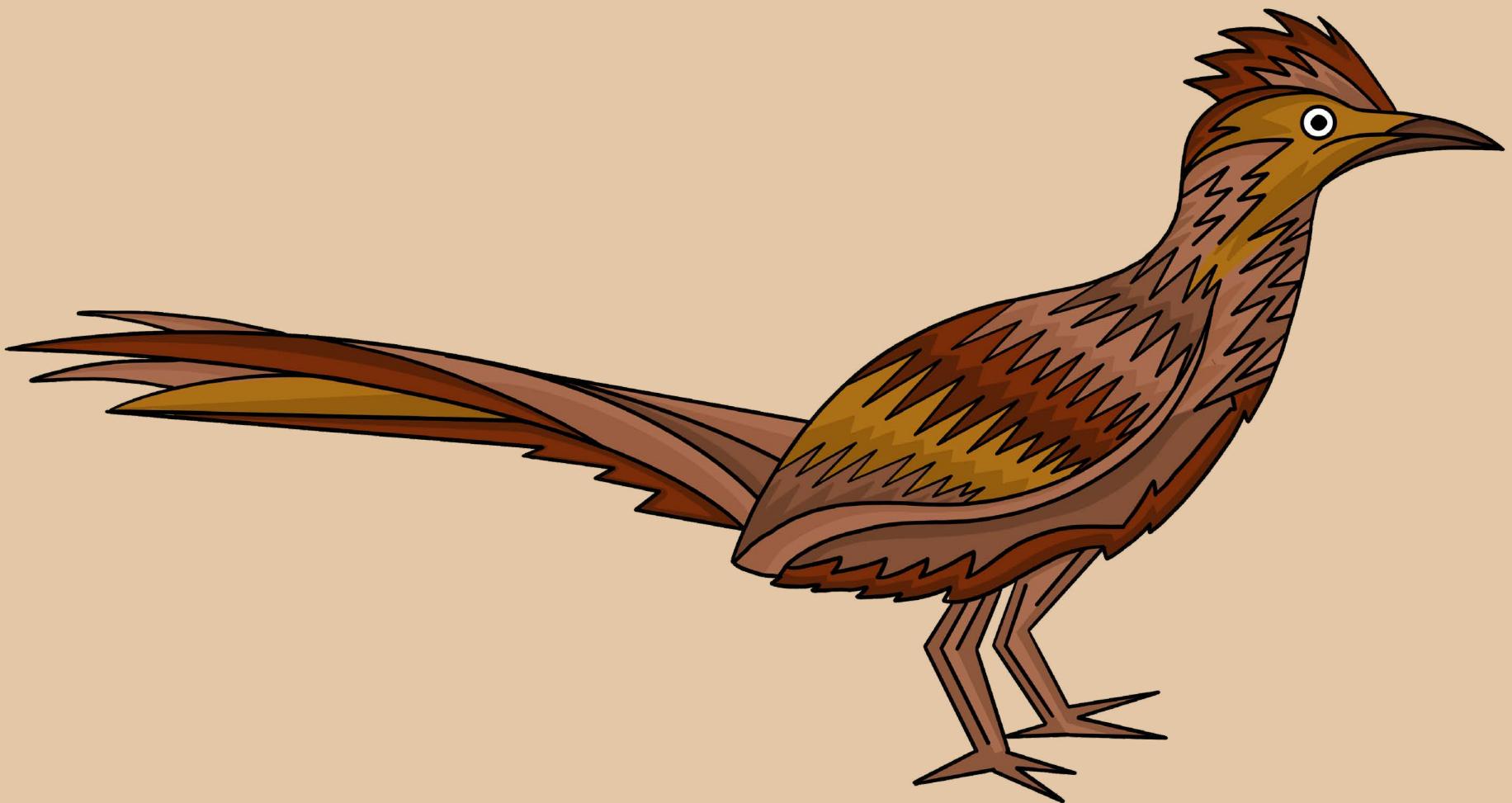


New Mexico
Indian Affairs Department

www.iad.nm.gov
(505) 476-1600



Some of the dates and events listed above are subject to change. Please contact the appropriate organizers and hosts for more information.



The State Bird of New Mexico is the Greater Roadrunner (*Geococcyx californianus*) also known by a wide variety of names including Chaparral Bird, *el corre caminos*, and *el paisano*.

MARCH

Women's History Month

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
International Women's Day <i>Daylight Savings Time Starts</i>	8	9	10	11 Legislation not acted upon by governor is pocket vetoed OBAE Tribal Broadband Meeting	12	13
	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19 Pueblo of Laguna Feast Day	20 <i>First Day of Spring</i>
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	1 Last day of Q3 FY26	2	3	4

KEY DATES IN 2026

■ National Dates

■ State Dates

■ IAD Dates

■ Tribal Dates



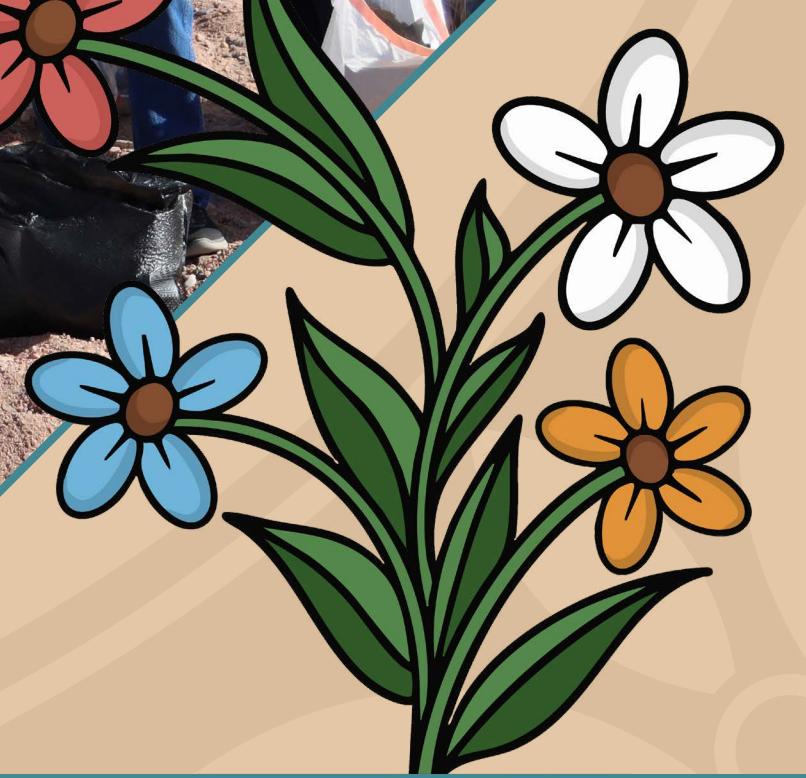
New Mexico
Indian Affairs Department

www.iad.nm.gov
(505) 476-1600



Some of the dates and events listed above are subject to change. Please contact the appropriate organizers and hosts for more information.

The New Mexico Indian Affairs Department went out for a trash clean up as part of the Breaking Bad Habits statewide clean up campaign.



APRIL

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Easter			OBAE Tribal Broadband Meeting		MIAC Indian Advisory Panel Meeting	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	NMED Tribal Summit		Tax Day			
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
			Earth Day	DWS Native Workforce Partners Quarterly Meeting	Gathering of Nations Pow Wow	
26	27	28	29	30	1	2

KEY DATES IN 2026

■ National Dates

■ State Dates

■ IAD Dates

■ Tribal Dates



New Mexico
Indian Affairs Department

www.iad.nm.gov
(505) 476-1600



Some of the dates and events listed above are subject to change. Please contact the appropriate organizers and hosts for more information.



May 5th is National Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons (MMIP) Awareness Day.

MAY

Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month
Mental Health Awareness Month

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
					Pueblo of San Felipe Feast Day	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
		MMIP Awareness Day				
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Mother's Day			OBAAE Tribal Broadband Meeting			
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
			Effective date of NM legislation (except for a general appropriation bill or a bill carrying an emergency clause or other specified date)			
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	Memorial Day State Offices Closed					
31	1	2	3	4	5	6

KEY DATES IN 2026

■ National Dates

■ State Dates

■ IAD Dates

■ Tribal Dates

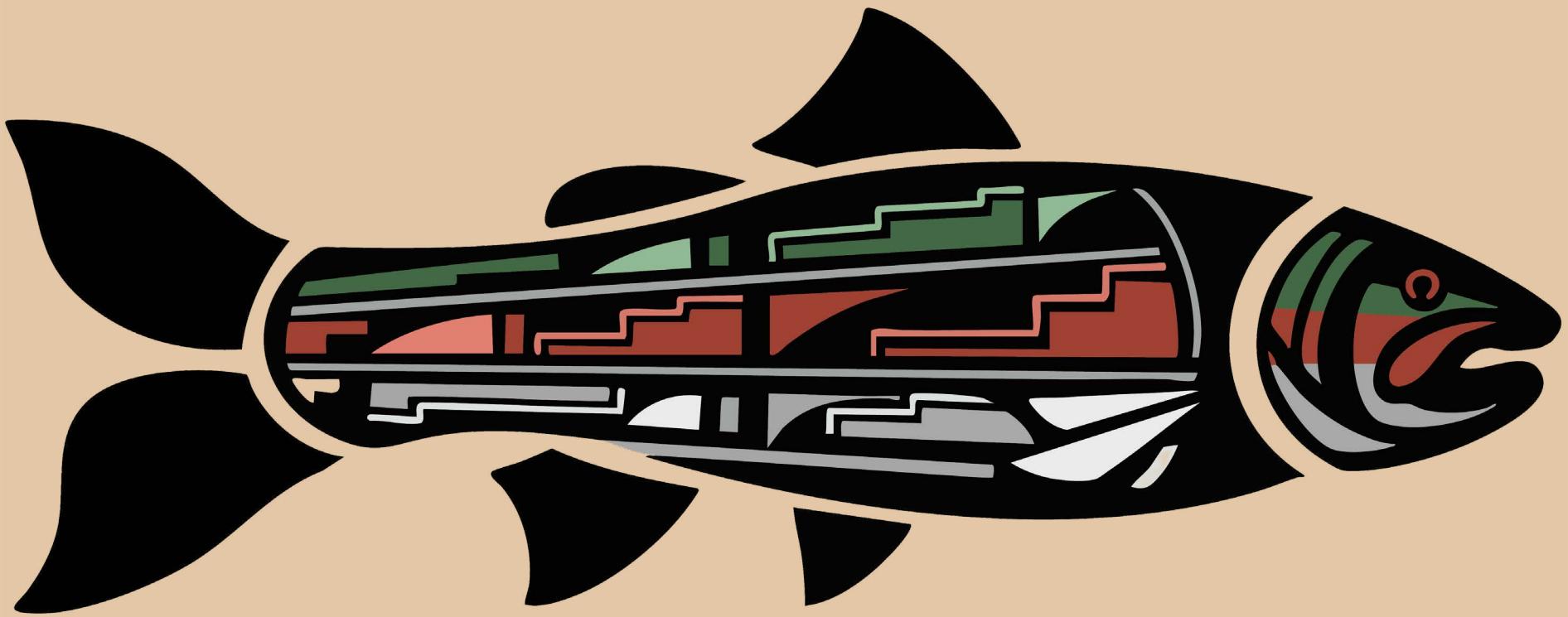


New Mexico
Indian Affairs Department

www.iad.nm.gov
(505) 476-1600



Some of the dates and events listed
above are subject to change. Please
contact the appropriate organizers
and hosts for more information.



The State Fish of New Mexico is the Rio Grande Cutthroat Trout (*Oncorhynchus clarki*).

JUNE

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
		Primary Election Day				
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
			OBAE Tribal Broadband Meeting			Pueblo of Sandia Feast Day
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Flag Day					Juneteenth State Offices Closed	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Father's Day <i>First Day of Summer</i>			Ohkay Owingeh Feast Day			
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
		Last Day of FY26				

KEY DATES IN 2026

■ National Dates

■ State Dates

■ IAD Dates

■ Tribal Dates



New Mexico
Indian Affairs Department

www.iad.nm.gov
(505) 476-1600



Some of the dates and events listed above are subject to change. Please contact the appropriate organizers and hosts for more information.

Pueblo of Sandia Child Development Center



Jicarilla Apache Nation Go-Jii-Ya Celebration



Pueblo of Zia Childhood Development Center Expansion Groundbreaking



Fort Sill Apache Learning Tour

Pueblo of Jemez Broadband Project



Navajo Nation Standing Rock Chapter



Pueblo of Laguna Learning Tour

Pueblo of Acoma Learning Tour

Pueblo de San Ildefonso Santiago Day



Pueblo of Zuni Shiwi Ts'ana Park Grand Reopening



Mescalero Apache Tribe Honor Day



Santo Domingo (Kewa) Pueblo Child Care and Development Grand Opening

JULY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
			First Day of FY27 ICIP Deadline		State Office Closed in observance of Independence Day	Independence Day
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Mescalero Apache Tribe Fair			OBAE Tribal Broadband Meeting		MIAC Indian Advisory Panel Meeting	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
		Pueblo de Cochiti Feast Day				Jicarilla Apache Nation Little Beaver Celebration
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Jicarilla Apache Nation Little Beaver Celebration				DWS Native Workforce Partners Quarterly Meeting		
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
Pueblo of Santa Ana Feast Day					State Tribal Collaboration Reports Due	

KEY DATES IN 2026

■ National Dates

■ State Dates

■ IAD Dates

■ Tribal Dates

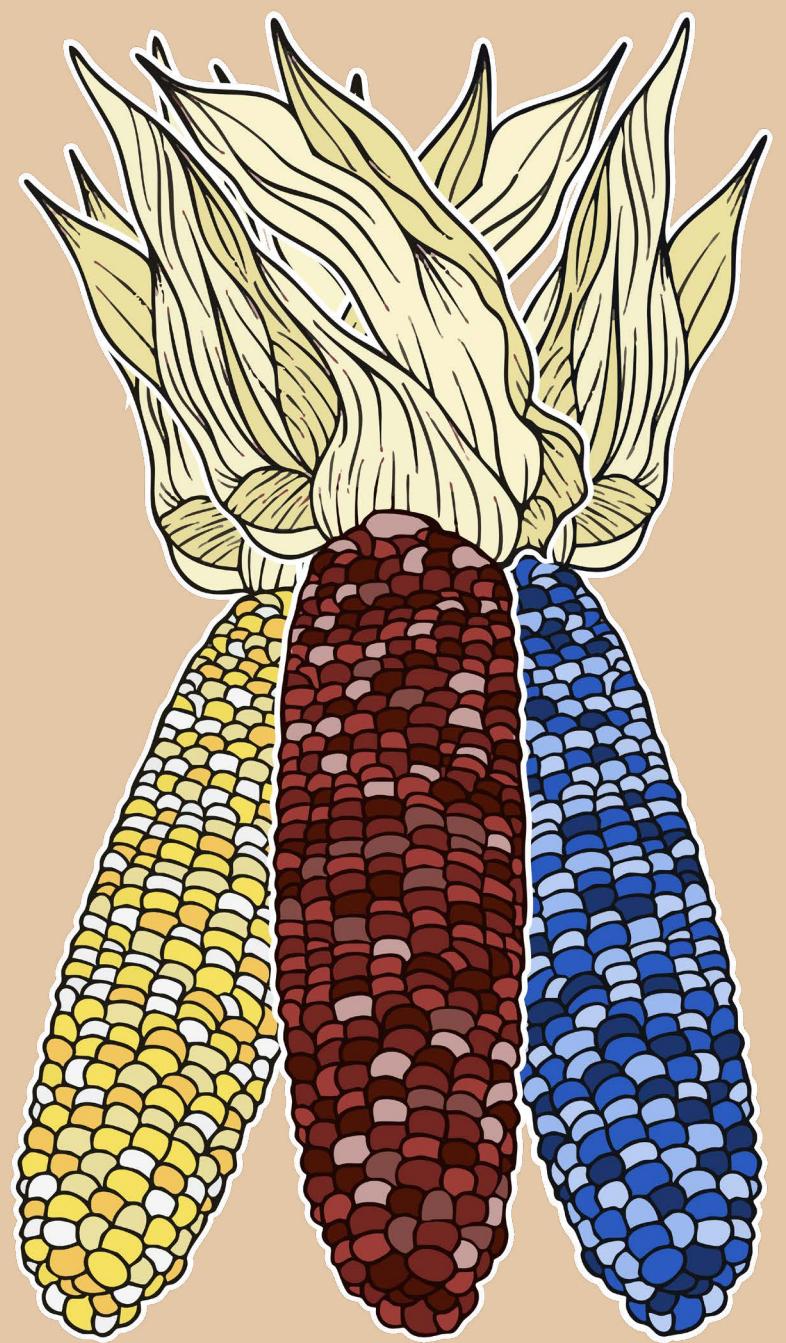


New Mexico
Indian Affairs Department

www.iad.nm.gov
(505) 476-1600



Some of the dates and events listed
above are subject to change. Please
contact the appropriate organizers
and hosts for more information.



AUGUST

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Pueblo of Jemez Feast Day		Santo Domingo (Kewa) Pueblo Feast Day				
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
			Santa Clara Pueblo Feast Day OBAE Tribal Broadband Meeting			Pueblo of Zia Feast Day Santa Fe Indian Market
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Santa Fe Indian Market						
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
					Pueblo of Isleta Feast Day	
30	31	1	2	3	4	5

KEY DATES IN 2026

■ National Dates

■ State Dates

■ IAD Dates

■ Tribal Dates



New Mexico
Indian Affairs Department

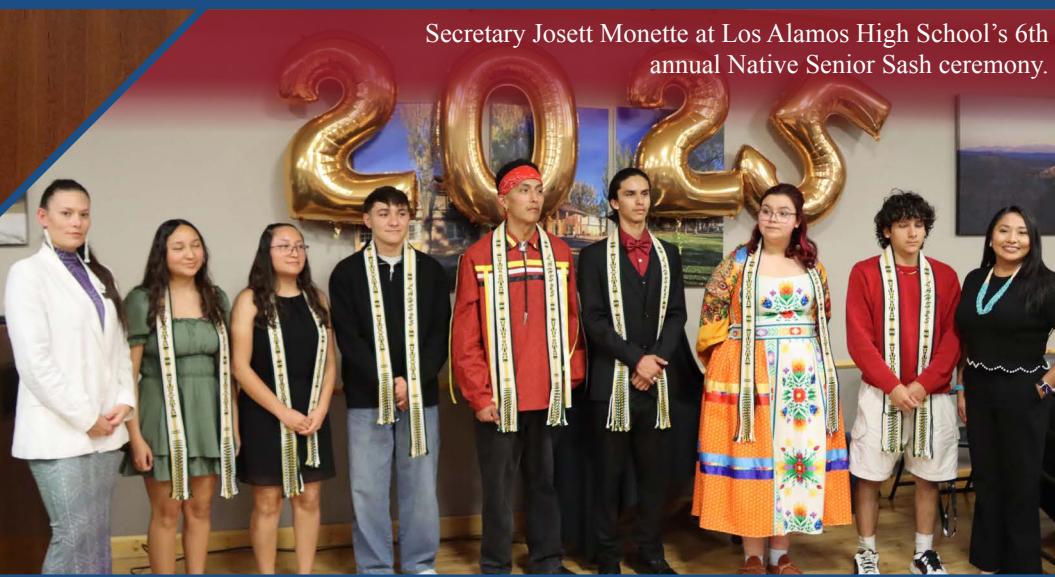
www.iad.nm.gov
(505) 476-1600



Some of the dates and events listed above are subject to change. Please contact the appropriate organizers and hosts for more information.



Secretary Josett Monette at Los Alamos High School's 6th annual Native Senior Sash ceremony.



From the 2025 Legislative Session, Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham signed IAD's Tribal Regalia bill SB 163 into law protecting Native American students' right to wear their regalia during graduation and other school events.



Secretary Josett Monette speaking at UNM's Native American Studies convocation.

SEPTEMBER

Suicide Prevention Month

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
			Pueblo of Acoma Feast Day			
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	Labor Day State Offices Closed		OBAE Tribal Broadband Meeting			
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
		Jicarilla Apache Go-Ji-Ya First day of Hispanic Heritage Month				Pueblo of Laguna Feast Day
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
		First Day of Fall				
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
			Taos Pueblo Feast Day Last Day of FY26 Q1 Last day of Federal Fiscal Year Orange Shirt Day			

KEY DATES IN 2026

■ National Dates

■ State Dates

■ IAD Dates

■ Tribal Dates



New Mexico
Indian Affairs Department

**Please begin monitoring
Capital Outlay deadlines.*

www.iad.nm.gov
(505) 476-1600



Some of the dates and events listed
above are subject to change. Please
contact the appropriate organizers
and hosts for more information.



OCTOBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
				First day of Federal Fiscal Year		
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Nambé Pueblo Feast Day					MIAC Indian Advisory Panel Meeting	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	Indigenous Peoples' Day State Offices Closed		OBAE Tribal Broadband Meeting	Last day of Hispanic Heritage Month		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
				DWS Native Workforce Partners Quarterly Meeting		
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
						Halloween

KEY DATES IN 2026

■ National Dates

■ State Dates

■ IAD Dates

■ Tribal Dates



New Mexico
Indian Affairs Department

**Please begin monitoring
Capital Outlay deadlines.*

www.iad.nm.gov
(505) 476-1600



Some of the dates and events listed above are subject to change. Please contact the appropriate organizers and hosts for more information.



The New Mexico Indian Affairs Department (IAD) is committed to supporting Nations, Pueblos and Tribes (NPTs) and tribal communities throughout our state.

NOVEMBER

Native American Heritage Month

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 <i>Daylight Savings Time Ends</i> <i>All Saints' Day</i>	2 <i>All Soul's Day</i>	3 <i>General Election Day</i>	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 Veteran's Day State Offices Closed OBAE Tribal Broadband Meeting (tentative)	11 Pueblo of Jemez Feast Day Pueblo of Tesuque Feast Day	12	13	14
15 <i>Rock Your Mocs</i>	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 Thanksgiving Day State Offices Closed	26 President's Day Observed State Offices Closed	27	28
29	30	1 <i>1</i>	2 <i>2</i>	3 <i>3</i>	4 <i>4</i>	5 <i>5</i>

KEY DATES IN 2026

■ National Dates

■ State Dates

■ IAD Dates

■ Tribal Dates



New Mexico
Indian Affairs Department

**Please begin monitoring
Capital Outlay deadlines.*

www.iad.nm.gov
(505) 476-1600



Some of the dates and events listed above are subject to change. Please contact the appropriate organizers and hosts for more information.



DECEMBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
					Hanukkah Begins	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
					Hanukkah Ends Pueblo of Pojoaque Feast Day	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	<i>First Day of Winter</i>			Christmas Eve	Christmas Day State Offices Closed	Kwanzaa Begins
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
				New Year's Eve Last Day of FY27 Q2	New Year's Day Kwanzaa Ends State Offices Closed	

KEY DATES IN 2026

■ National Dates

■ State Dates

■ IAD Dates

■ Tribal Dates



New Mexico
Indian Affairs Department

**Please begin monitoring
Capital Outlay deadlines.*

www.iad.nm.gov
(505) 476-1600



Some of the dates and events listed above are subject to change. Please contact the appropriate organizers and hosts for more information.

KEY 2026 DATES

■ National Dates ■ State Dates ■ IAD Dates ■ Tribal Dates

JANUARY

- 1 New Year's Day
- State Offices Closed
- 2 Legislation may be pre-filed for Session
- NM OBAE Navajo Nation's Broadband Office/Connect Diné (virtual)
- 6 King's Day
- 14 Tribal Leader Welcome and Policy Update
- OBAE Tribal Broadband Meeting
- 15 U.S. DOT Fund Deadline
- 16 Last Day to Pre-File State Legislation
- 19 Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- State Offices Closed
- 20 Opening Day of Legislative Session
- 22 DWS Native Workforce Partners Quarterly Meeting
- 23 Pueblo de San Ildefonso Feast Day
- 26-27 DOH Annual Health Council Statewide Meeting
- 28 NMED EPA Grants Deadline

APRIL

- 3 NM OBAE Navajo Nation's Broadband Office/Connect Diné (virtual)
- 5 Easter
- 8 OBAE Tribal Broadband Meeting
- 10 MIAC Indian Advisory Panel Meeting
- 13 NMED Tribal Summit
- 15 Tax Day
- 22 Earth Day
- 23 DWS Native Workforce Partners Quarterly Meeting
- 24-25 Gathering of Nations Pow Wow

FEBRUARY

Black History Month

- 2 Groundhog Day
- Guadalupe Hidalgo Treaty Day
- Capital Outlay Reauthorizations Deadline for Legislators (3:00 PM)
- 4 Deadline for Introduction of State Bills for Legislature
- 6 American Indian Day at the Legislature
- TIF Portal Opens
- NM OBAE Navajo Nation's Broadband Office/Connect Diné (virtual)
- 11 OBAE Tribal Broadband Meeting
- 14 Valentine's Day
- 19 New Mexico Legislative Session Ends at Noon

MAY

Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage month

Mental Health Awareness Month

- 1 Pueblo of San Felipe Feast Day
- NM OBAE Navajo Nation's Broadband Office/Connect Diné (virtual)
- 5 MMIP Awareness Day
- 10 Mother's Day
- 13 OBAE Tribal Broadband Meeting
- 20 Effective date of NM legislation (except for a general appropriation bill or a bill carrying an emergency clause or other specified date)
- 25 Memorial Day
- State Offices Closed

MARCH

Women's History Month

- 6 NM OBAE Navajo Nation's Broadband Office/Connect Diné (virtual)
- 8 International Women's Day
- Daylight Savings Time Starts*
- 11 Legislation not acted upon by governor is pocket vetoed
- OBAE Tribal Broadband Meeting
- 13 TIF Portal Closes
- 17 St. Patrick's Day
- 19 Pueblo of Laguna Feast Day
- 20 *First Day of Spring*
- 31 Last day of Q3 FY26

JUNE

- 2 Primary Election Day
- 5 NM OBAE Navajo Nation's Broadband Office/Connect Diné (virtual)
- 10 OBAE Tribal Broadband Meeting
- 13 Pueblo of Sandia Feast Day
- 14 Flag Day
- 19 Juneteenth
- State Offices Closed
- 21 *First Day of Summer*
- Father's Day
- 24 Ohkay Owingeh Feast Day
- 30 Last Day of FY26

JULY

- 1 First Day of FY27
- ICIP Deadline
- 3 State Office Closed in observance of Independence Day
- NM OBAE Navajo Nation's Broadband Office/Connect Diné (virtual)
- 4 Independence Day
- 3-6 Mescalero Apache Tribe Fair
- 8 OBAE Tribal Broadband Meeting
- 10 MIAC Indian Advisory Panel Meeting
- 14 Pueblo de Cochiti Feast Day
- 18-20 Jicarilla Apache Nation Little Beaver Celebration
- 23 DWS Native Workforce Partners Quarterly Meeting
- 26 Pueblo of Santa Ana Feast Day
- 31 State Tribal Collaboration Reports Due

OCTOBER

**Please begin monitoring Capital Outlay deadlines.*

- 1 First day of Federal Fiscal Year
- 2 NM OBAE Navajo Nation's Broadband Office/Connect Diné (virtual)
- 4 Nambé Pueblo Feast Day
- 9 MIAC Indian Advisory Panel Meeting
- 12 Indigenous Peoples' Day
- State Offices Closed
- 14 OBAE Tribal Broadband Meeting
- 15 Last day of Hispanic Heritage Month
- 22 DWS Native Workforce Partners Quarterly Meeting
- 31 Halloween

AUGUST

- 2 Pueblo of Jemez Feast Day
- 4 Santo Domingo Pueblo Feast Day
- 7 NM OBAE Navajo Nation's Broadband Office/Connect Diné (virtual)
- 10 Picuris Pueblo Feast Day
- 12 Santa Clara Pueblo Feast Day
- OBAE Tribal Broadband Meeting
- 15 Pueblo of Zia Feast Day
- 15-16 Santa Fe Indian Market
- 28 Pueblo of Isleta Feast Day

NOVEMBER

Native American Heritage Month
**Please begin monitoring Capital Outlay deadlines.*

- 1 Daylight Savings Time Ends
- All Saints' Day
- 2 All Soul's Day
- 3 General Election Day
- 6 NM OBAE Navajo Nation's Broadband Office/Connect Diné (virtual)
- 11 Veteran's Day
- State Offices Closed
- OBAE Tribal Broadband Meeting (tentative)
- 12 Pueblo of Jemez Feast Day
- Pueblo of Tesuque Feast Day
- 15 Rock Your Mocs
- 26 Thanksgiving Day
- State Offices Closed
- 27 President's Day Observed
- State Offices Closed

SEPTEMBER

Suicide Prevention Month
**Please begin monitoring Capital Outlay deadlines.*

- 2 Pueblo of Acoma Feast Day
- 4 NM OBAE Navajo Nation's Broadband Office/Connect Diné (virtual)
- 7 Labor Day
- State Offices Closed
- 9 OBAE Tribal Broadband Meeting
- 15 Jicarilla Apache Go-Ji-Ya
- First day of Hispanic Heritage Month
- 19 Pueblo of Laguna Feast Day
- 22 First Day of Fall
- 30 Taos Pueblo Feast Day
- Last Day of FY26 Q1
- Last day of Federal Fiscal Year
- Orange Shirt Day

DECEMBER

**Please begin monitoring Capital Outlay deadlines.*

- 4 NM OBAE Navajo Nation's Broadband Office/Connect Diné (virtual)
- Hanukkah Begins
- 12 Pueblo of Pojoaque Feast Day
- Hanukkah Ends
- 21 First Day of Winter
- 24 Christmas Eve
- 25 Christmas Day
- State Offices Closed
- 26 Kwanzaa Begins
- 31 New Year's Eve
- Last Day of FY27 Q2





Our vision is that tribal nations, tribal communities and Indigenous people are happy, healthy and prosperous and that traditional ways of life are honored, valued and respected.

