

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.



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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.

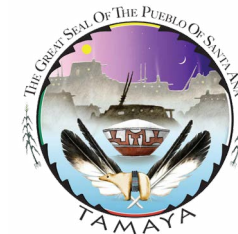
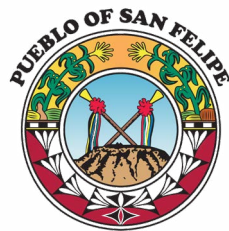
IAD is honored to continue working with Nations, Pueblos, Tribes and tribal citizens throughout our great state.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Josett D. Monette". The signature is stylized and fluid, with a long horizontal line extending from the end.

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 New Year's Day State Offices Closed	2 Legislation may be pre-filed for Session	3
4	5	6 King's Day	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	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	17
18 Martin Luther King Jr. Day State Offices Closed	19	20 Opening Day of Legislative Session	21	22 DWS Native Workforce Partners Quarterly Meeting	23 Pueblo de San Ildefonso Feast Day	24
25	26 DOH Annual Health Council Statewide Meeting	27	28 NMED EPA Grants Deadline	29	30	31

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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

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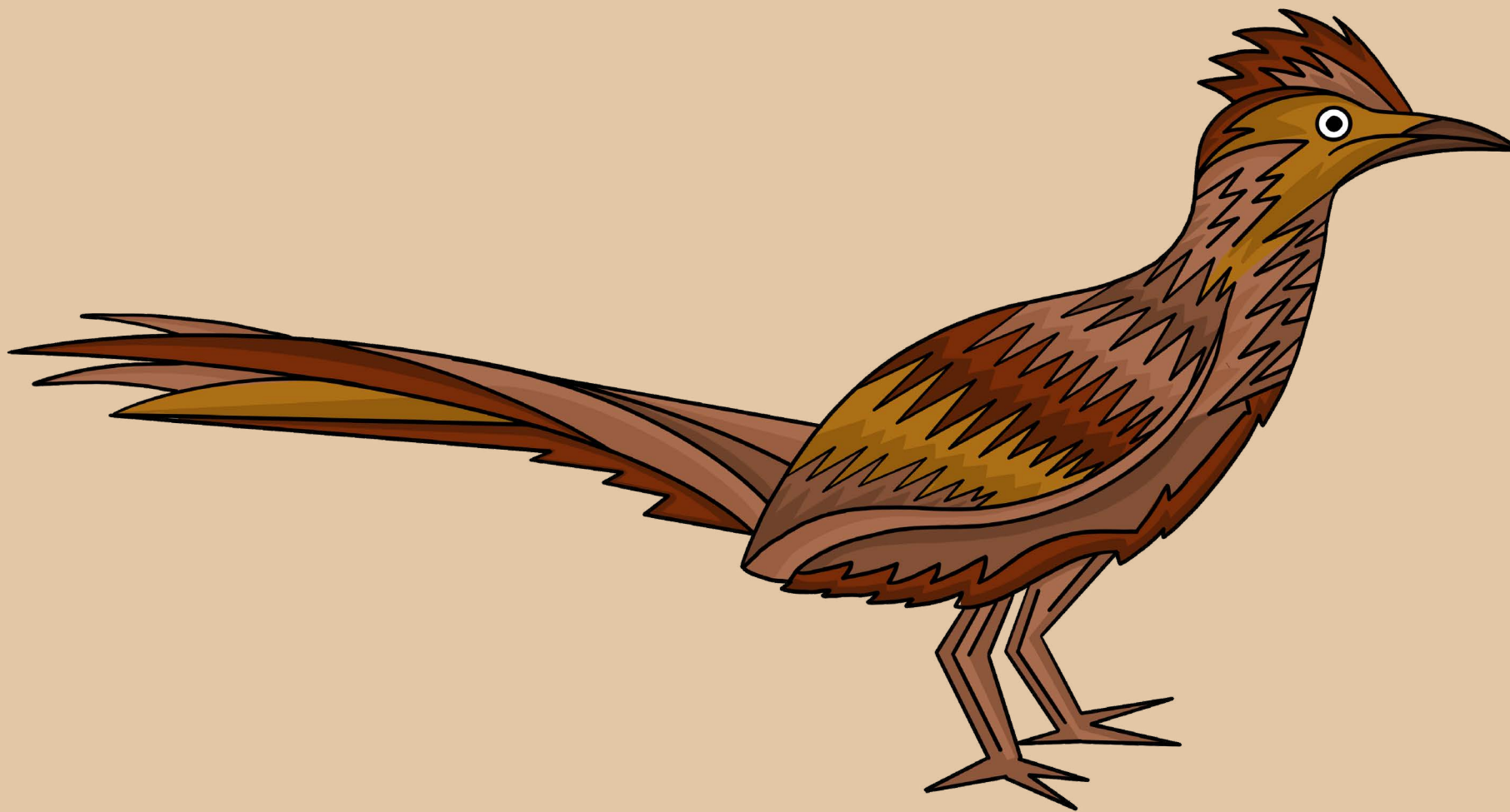


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The State Bird of New Mexico is the Greater Roadrunner (*Geococcyx californianus*) also known by a wide variety of names including Chaparral Bird, el corre caminos, and el paisano.

MARCH

Women's History Month

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 International Women's Day Daylight Savings Time Starts	9	10	11 Legislation not acted upon by governor is pocket vetoed OBAAE Tribal Broadband Meeting	12	13 TIF Portal Closes	14
15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19 Pueblo of Laguna Feast Day	20 First Day of Spring	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31 Last day of Q3 FY26	1	2	3	4

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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 Easter	6	7	8 OBAE Tribal Broadband Meeting	9	10 MIAC Indian Advisory Panel Meeting	11
12	13 NMED Tribal Summit	14	15 Tax Day	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 Earth Day	23 DWS Native Workforce Partners Quarterly Meeting	Gathering of Nations Pow Wow	
26	27	28	29	30	1	2

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

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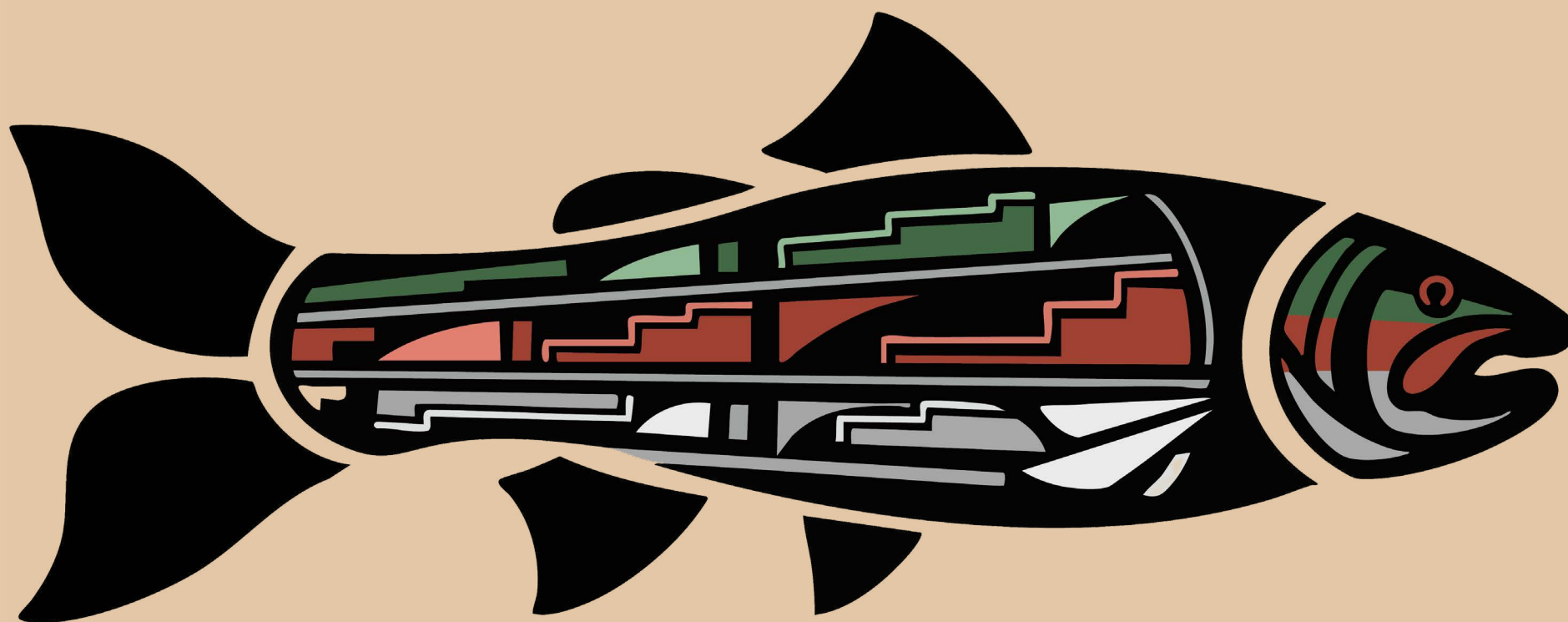


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The State Fish of New Mexico is the Rio Grande Cutthroat Trout (*Oncorhynchus clarki*).

JUNE

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

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Pueblo of Sandia Child Development Center



Pueblo of Zia Childhood Development Center Expansion Groundbreaking

Jicarilla Apache Nation Go-Jii-Ya Celebration



Fort Sill Apache Learning Tour



Pueblo of Jemez Broadband Project



Nambé Pueblo
Trunk or Treat



Taos Pueblo Na'Tehsieme Housing Groundbreaking



Pueblo of Laguna Learning Tour

Pueblo of Acoma Learning Tour



Navajo Nation Standing Rock Chapter

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

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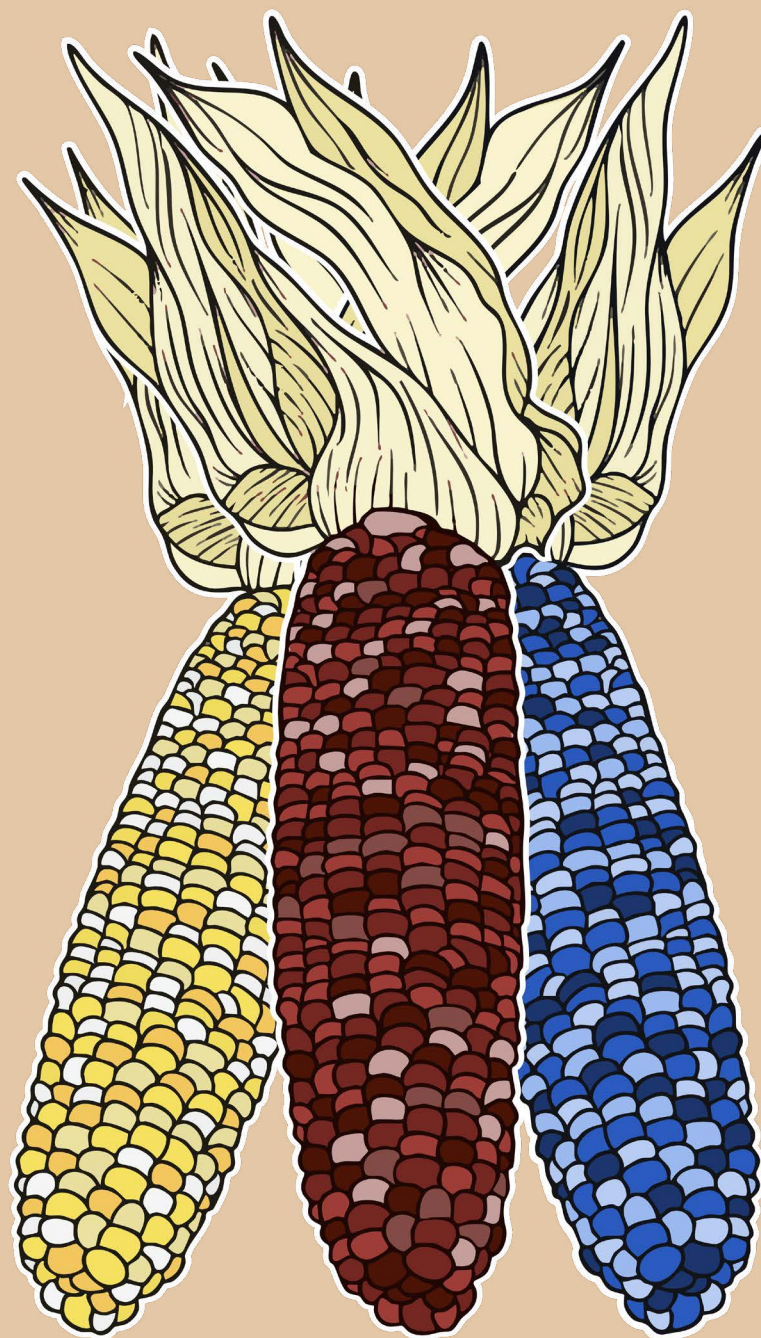


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AUGUST

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

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



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

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OCTOBER

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

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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	11 <i>Veteran's Day</i> <i>State Offices Closed</i> <i>OBAE Tribal Broadband Meeting (tentative)</i>	12 <i>Pueblo of Jemez Feast Day</i> <i>Pueblo of Tesuque Feast Day</i>	13	14
15 <i>Rock Your Mocs</i>	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 <i>Thanksgiving Day</i> <i>State Offices Closed</i>	27 <i>President's Day Observed</i> <i>State Offices Closed</i>	28
29	30	1	2	3	4	5

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DECEMBER

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

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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
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- 5 MMIP Awareness Day
- 10 Mother's Day
- 13 OBAE Tribal Broadband Meeting
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- 25 Memorial Day
State Offices Closed

MARCH

Women's History Month

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- 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
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- 4 Independence Day
- 3-6 Mescalero Apache Tribe Fair
- 8 OBAE Tribal Broadband Meeting
- 10 MIAC Indian Advisory Panel Meeting
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- 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

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- 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

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Native American Heritage Month

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- 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

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Last Day of FY26 Q1
Last day of Federal Fiscal Year
Orange Shirt Day

DECEMBER

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- 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





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