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## **MEDIA ADVISORY FOR PLANNING PURPOSES**

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### **HAPPENING FRIDAY: American Indian Day**

SANTA FE – Join the New Mexico Indian Affairs Department for the 39th annual American Indian Day where Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham, tribal leadership, state leadership and community members will gather to celebrate and honor Native American citizens across New Mexico.

American Indian Day was established under § 12-5-9, NMSA 1978, honoring the contributions of Native American communities. The statute was amended in 2005 to move recognition from every first Tuesday of February to every first Friday of February.

**WHAT:** American Indian Day

**WHEN:** 9:15 a.m.-11:15 a.m., Friday, Feb. 6

**WHERE:** The Rotunda in the New Mexico State Capitol

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*Since 2003 the New Mexico Indian Affairs Department (IAD) has implemented groundbreaking state-tribal policies intended to improve the quality of life for the state's Native citizens. Our initiatives are designed to strengthen Tribal and state relations and address the challenges we face in our communities: economic development, infrastructure improvement, the protection of our cultures and languages, health care accessibility, and educational opportunities for our most precious resource— our children. Learn more at [www.iad.nm.gov](http://www.iad.nm.gov).*