



STATE OF NEW MEXICO EXECUTIVE OFFICE SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

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, the Tribes, Nations, and Pueblos located within New Mexico are Indigenous to this great land and contribute to the rich culture of our state by maintaining their traditions, languages, and ways 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 that 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 the State of New Mexico, do hereby proclaim February 2, 2024, as:

"American Indian Day"

throughout the state of New Mexico.

Attest:


Maggie Foulouse Oliver
Secretary of State

Done at the Executive Office this
17th day of November 2023.

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


Michelle Lujan Grisham
Governor

