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Governor Lujan Grisham Signs Legislation to Replace Columbus Day with Indigenous Peoples' Day

SANTA FE – New Mexico Indian Affairs Department Secretary Lynn Trujillo commends Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham for signing into law House Bill 100. The bill sponsored by Representative Derrick Lente (D-Sandia Pueblo) and Representative Andrea Romero (D-Santa Fe) replaces Columbus Day with Indigenous Peoples' Day.

New Mexico joins a growing list of states around the country to recognize Indigenous Peoples' Day. Other states, including South Dakota, Alaska, Hawai'i, Minnesota, and Oregon, and many cities and towns, including Albuquerque, celebrate Indigenous Peoples' Day rather than Columbus Day.

Representative Lente applauds Governor Lujan Grisham for signing the bill into law. "The shift to Indigenous Peoples' Day sends a strong message to the descendants of the people who once were sought to be extinguished that there's a renewed appreciation for their resiliency and contributions to our great state," says Representative Lente.

Indian Affairs Department Secretary Lynn Trujillo adds, "New Mexico is home to 23 sovereign Indian nations and recognizing Indigenous Peoples' Day is an important step to rebuilding state and tribal relations."

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