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M E M O R A N D U M

DATE: 9/14/2017

TO: Board of County Commissioners

VIA: Katherine Miller

FROM: Julia Valdez, Constituent Services Liaison

RE: A Proclamation Declaring the Second Monday in October as Indigenous Peoples' Day in Santa Fe County (Commissioner Edward H. Moreno)

SUMMARY

This Proclamation names the second Monday in October as Indigenous Peoples' Day celebrating Native Americans and their contributions in Santa Fe County.

BACKGROUND

In 1977, the International Indian Treaty Council, the international arm of the American Indian Movement, called for the global end of the celebration of Columbus Day and declared instead the International Day of Solidarity and Mourning with Indigenous Peoples. The UN Committee on Racism, Racial Discrimination, Apartheid, and Colonialism passed the resolution, with the support of many organizations, such as the African National Congress and the Palestine Liberation Organization, who recognized that the devastating legacies of European colonialism and African slavery had to be addressed in the Americas.

While this proclamation does not call for the end of Columbus Day it does bring attention to the collaborations that Santa Fe County and our indigenous neighbors have been able to achieve.

This day shall be used to reflect upon the ongoing struggles of Indigenous peoples on this land and must be met with serious demands to address the conditions of Native life: the upholding of treaty rights for Native people on- and off- reservation.

ACTION REQUESTED

Commissioner Moreno respectfully requests the Board of County Commissioners support and approve this item.



Santa Fe County Proclamation

A Proclamation Declaring the Second Monday in October as Indigenous Peoples' Day in Santa Fe County

WHEREAS, Santa Fe County (the County) recognizes that the Indigenous Peoples of the lands that later became known as the Americas have occupied these lands since long before they became known as the Americas; and

WHEREAS, Indigenous Peoples' Day was first proposed in 1977 by a delegation of Native Nations to the United Nations sponsored International Conference on Discrimination Against Indigenous Populations in the Americas; and

WHEREAS, the County has a long history throughout the years of supporting American Indian communities and their citizens' advancement in our current society and celebrating the thriving culture and value that our indigenous nations add to the County; and

WHEREAS, Santa Fe County values the many contributions made to our community through Indigenous Peoples' knowledge, technology, science, philosophy, arts and the deep cultural contributions that have considerably shaped the character of Santa Fe County; and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge the indigenous roots we have in Santa Fe and in New Mexico, and the cultural and familial ties that connect us; and

WHEREAS, Indigenous Peoples' Day offers our community an opportunity to reflect on the ongoing struggles of indigenous people of this land and to celebrate the thriving culture and value that indigenous people add to the County; and

WHEREAS, the County has benefited from collaborating with tribal councils on various intergovernmental matters including Law Enforcement, Animal Control, Fire Safety and Open Space Management; and

WHEREAS, the County encourages other businesses, organizations, and public institutions to recognize Indigenous Peoples' Day.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Fe County does hereby proclaim that the second Monday in October is Indigenous Peoples' Day in Santa Fe County.

PASSED, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED this 26th day of September, 2017.

Henry P. Roybal, Chair
Commissioner, District 1

Anna Hansen, Vice-Chair
Commissioner, District 2

Robert A. Anaya,
Commissioner, District 3

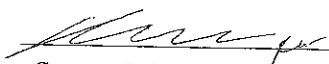
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APPROVED AS TO FORM:

ATTESTATION:


Gregory S. Shaffer, County Attorney

Geraldine Salazar, County Clerk

