

Santa Fe County Proclamation

PROCLAIMING THE SECOND MONDAY OF OCTOBER AS “INDIGENOUS PEOPLES’ DAY”

Introduced by: Commissioner Lisa Cacari Stone

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, in September of 2017, the Board of County Commissioners (Board) of Santa Fe County (County) adopted a proclamation declaring the second Monday in October as Indigenous Peoples’ Day in Santa Fe County; and

WHEREAS, the County has within its boundaries eight sovereign Pueblos: Santa Clara, San Ildefonso, Nambe, Pojoaque, Tesuque, Cochiti, Santo Domingo, and San Felipe; and

WHEREAS, the County acknowledges that Indigenous Peoples from throughout the Americas reside within the County’s boundaries, creating a unique opportunity for all people to share their living culture; and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge the Indigenous roots and peoples of Santa Fe County and New Mexico, and the cultural and familial ties that connect us all; and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge our shared existence as neighbors, honor generational relationships, and commit to building a shared culture of respect and kinship with our Pueblo relatives; and

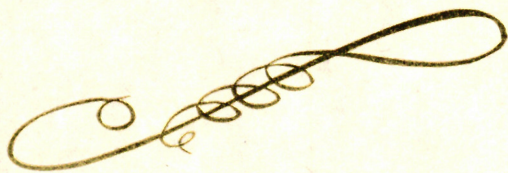
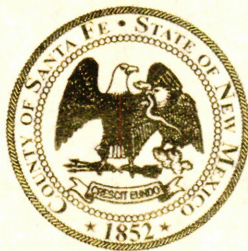
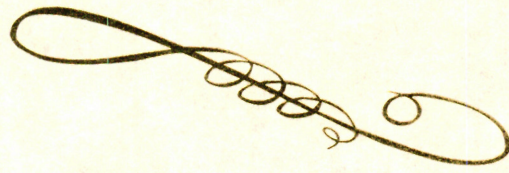
WHEREAS, the County recognizes that the primary languages of the Pueblos within its boundaries include Keres and Tewa, which continue to be spoken and taught; and

WHEREAS, the County honors the many contributions made to our community through Indigenous Peoples’ regenerative agricultural stewardship, technology, science, philosophy, art, language and deep cultural traditions that considerably shape the cultural fabric of Northern New Mexico and Santa Fe County; and

WHEREAS, Indigenous women – here in Santa Fe County across our Pueblo nations – have long served as culture bearers, language and knowledge keepers, and community leaders advancing governance, education, and environmental stewardship. Through their leadership, they promote intergenerational healing practices, sustain community wellbeing, resilience, and continuity of lifeways – thereby strengthening Santa Fe County’s present and future; and

WHEREAS, the County commits to honoring the role of Tribal leadership in advancing inclusive policies that safeguard the future of generations to come, reinforcing our shared responsibility to govern with justice, respect, and recognition of the First Peoples of this land; and

WHEREAS, the County affirms that Tribal sovereignty and governance are essential to a decolonized democracy in Santa Fe County, and acknowledges the responsibility of maintaining respectful and meaningful intergovernmental decision-making processes that protect natural resources, language, and culture, and to collaborate on transportation, law enforcement, fire mitigation and open space management; and



WHEREAS, the County has collaborated with Tribal governments regarding cleanup efforts for legacy waste at the Los Alamos National Laboratory, and providing a waste solution at the Tesuque Transfer Station; and

WHEREAS, the County and neighboring Tribes finalized the Aamodt Water Rights Settlement, which resulted in settlement agreements with Nambe, Tesuque, Pojoaque, and San Ildefonso Pueblos and the construction of the Pojoaque Basin Regional Water System; and

WHEREAS, this designated day was once observed as “Columbus Day”; the County now honors Indigenous Peoples and observes the day by closing all administrative offices; and

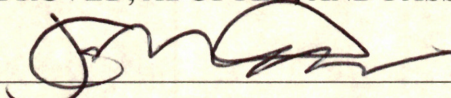
WHEREAS, Indigenous Peoples’ Day offers our community an opportunity to reflect on the ongoing struggles of Indigenous Peoples and to celebrate their resiliency in maintaining thriving cultures and values that enrich Santa Fe County; and

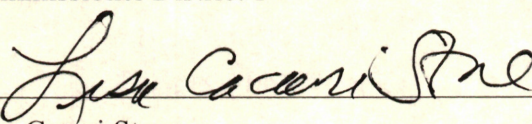
WHEREAS, the County encourages residents, businesses, organizations, and public institutions to celebrate and honor Indigenous Peoples’ Day and to continue strengthening relationships with sovereign Tribal Nations within and neighboring Santa Fe County.

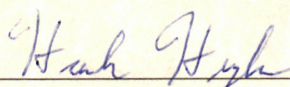
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT WE, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SANTA FE COUNTY, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE SECOND MONDAY OF OCTOBER, AS:

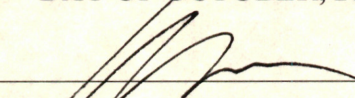
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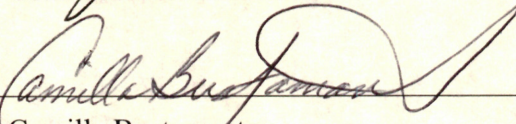
APPROVED, ADOPTED, AND PASSED ON THIS 13TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2026.

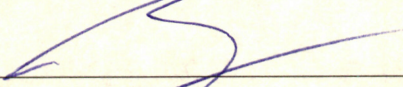

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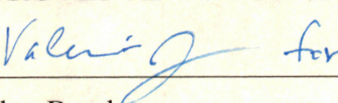

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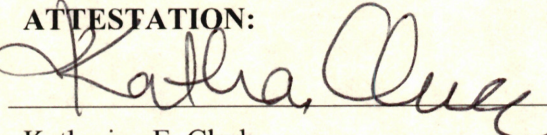

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