

# Santa Fe County Proclamation

## PROCLAIMING MONDAY, OCTOBER 9<sup>TH</sup> AS “INDIGENOUS PEOPLES’ DAY”

Introduced by: Commissioner Anna Hansen

**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 of each year as Indigenous Peoples’ Day in Santa Fe County; and

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

**WHEREAS**, the County also acknowledges that Indigenous people from additional sovereign tribal nations reside within the County’s boundaries; and

**WHEREAS**, we acknowledge our existence as neighbors within the Greater Tewa Basin and honor generational relationships and continue to build a shared culture of love and respect with 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 treasures the many contributions made to our community through Indigenous Peoples’ agricultural skills, technology, science, philosophy, art, and deep cultural contributions that considerably shape the character of Santa Fe County; and

**WHEREAS**, we acknowledge the Indigenous roots we have in the County and in New Mexico, and the cultural and familial ties that connect us all; and

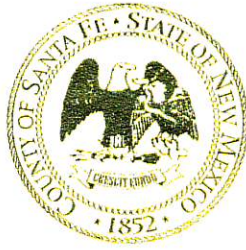
**WHEREAS**, Indigenous Peoples’ Day offers our community an opportunity to reflect on the ongoing struggles of Indigenous people of this land and to celebrate the resiliency to maintain their thriving cultures and values that Indigenous people add to the County and country; and

**WHEREAS**, despite historical efforts to erase Indigenous cultures and ways of life through the means of assimilation, termination, relocation, and/or sterilization, Indigenous people prosper; and

**WHEREAS**, the County and tribal councils continue to partner on various intergovernmental matters, including transportation networks, beneficial use of natural resources such as water, law enforcement, fire safety, and open space management; and

**WHEREAS**, the County has collaborated with tribal councils to protect the Caja del Rio, Galisteo Basin, and La Cieneguilla; and

**WHEREAS**, the County continues to partner with tribal councils regarding cleanup efforts of legacy waste at the Los Alamos National Labs and providing a temporary waste solution with the Tesuque Transfer Station; and



**WHEREAS**, the County and neighboring tribes finalized the Aamodt Water Rights Settlement, which eventually produced the Nambe-Tesuque-Pojoaque-San Ildefonso-road settlement agreements and the building of the Pojoaque Basin Regional Water System; and


**WHEREAS**, this designated day was once a day to celebrate “an explorer;” the County now honors the Indigenous Peoples and closes all administrative offices in observation; and

**WHEREAS**, the County encourages residents, businesses, organizations, and public institutions to celebrate and honor Indigenous Peoples’ Day.

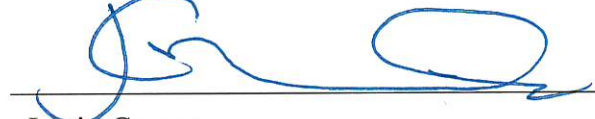
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT WE, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SANTA FE COUNTY, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM MONDAY, OCTOBER 9<sup>TH</sup>, AS:**

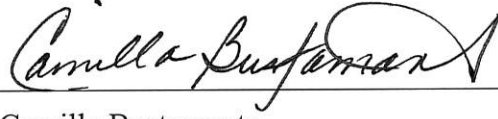
**“Indigenous Peoples’ Day”**


**APPROVED, ADOPTED, AND PASSED ON THIS 26<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2023,**

  
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 Commissioner District 2

  
 Hank Hughes, Vice-Chair  
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 Katharine E. Clark  
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