

**FACULTY SENATE  
OF  
NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY**

**Proposition:** 08-18/19

**Title:** NMSU's RECOGNITION OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY ON THE SECOND MONDAY OF OCTOBER.

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**Proposed Committee:** University Affairs

**Assigned Committee:** University Affairs

**Prior Approvals:** None

**Proposal:** NMSU Annual Recognition of **Indigenous Peoples' Day** on the 2nd Monday of October

New Mexico State University will recognize Indigenous Peoples' Day on the second Monday in October. While the University remains open, it will commemorate Indigenous Peoples' Day in many ways such as acknowledging and embracing Indigenous Peoples' ceremonies and events, hosting outstanding Indigenous speakers or a speaker's series, highlighting student and faculty research, etc.

This recognition will be entered on the University Academic Calendar webpage.

**Rationale:**

Notably, the University and its five campuses, the satellite learning center in Albuquerque, its Cooperative Extension Service offices located in each of New Mexico's 33 counties, and 12 agriculture research and science centers, sit on Indigenous Peoples' land. As well, the University has a long history of enrolling, educating, and employing Indigenous Peoples of the Americas.

The purpose of Indigenous Peoples' Day will be to:

- Honor all that Indigenous Peoples bring to the University through their ways of being, languages, arts and other cultural displays, knowledges, pedagogies (teaching/interacting) and values.

- Sponsor events to educate and bring awareness of the ongoing struggles, contributions, and accomplishments of Indigenous Peoples.
- Assert that the University's campuses, centers, and offices are on the traditional territories and ancestral lands of Indigenous Peoples of Chihene Nde', Mescalero Apache, Lipan Apache, Raramuri, Ysleta Del Sur, Tortugas Pueblo, Piro, Manso, Tewa People, the Aztecs of the North, Navajo Nation, Laguna Pueblo, Acoma Pueblo, Zuni Pueblo, Sandia Pueblo, Isleta Pueblo .
- Create initiatives to target the recruitment, retention, and success of Indigenous students, staff, and faculty.