



**SANDOVAL COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 11-20-14.7**

**WHEREAS**, Sandoval County recognizes Indigenous nations have lived upon this land since time memorial and values the progress our society has accomplished through American Indian technology, thought, and culture; and

**WHEREAS**, Sandoval County understands that in order to help close the equity gap, government entities, organizations and other public institutions should change their policies and practices to better reflect the experiences of American Indian people and uplift our country's Indigenous roots, history, and contributions; and

**WHEREAS**, the idea of 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 1990 representatives from 120 Indigenous nations at the First Continental Conference on 500 Years of Indian Resistance unanimously passed a resolution to transform Columbus Day into an occasion to strengthen the process of continental unity and struggle towards liberation, and thereby use the occasion to reveal a more accurate historical record; and

**WHEREAS**, on August 3, 1990, President of the United States George H. W. Bush declared the month of November as National American Indian Heritage Month, thereafter commonly referred to as Native American Heritage Month; and

**WHEREAS**, Sandoval County has a strong history of collaboration with the tribes located in Sandoval County which the County celebrates and honors; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States federal government and the State of New Mexico and Sandoval County recognize Columbus Day on the second Monday of October, in accordance with the federal holiday established in 1937.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SANDOVAL COUNTY** that Sandoval County recognizes **Indigenous Peoples Day** on the second Monday in October; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Sandoval County shall continue its efforts to promote the well-being and growth of the Native American and Indigenous community; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Indigenous Peoples Day shall be used to reflect upon the on-going struggles of Indigenous people on this land, and to celebrate the thriving culture and value that Pueblo, Navajo, Apache and other Indigenous nations add to our county; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Sandoval County encourages other businesses, organizations and public entities to recognize **Indigenous Peoples Day**.

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Darryl F. Madalena, Chairman

**ATTEST:**

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Orlando Lucero, Vice Chairman

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Eileen Garbagni, County Clerk

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Nora Scherzinger, Member

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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Don Chapman, Member

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Patrick F. Trujillo, County Attorney

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Glenn Walters, Member