

Proposition: 03-23/24

Proposal Type: Bill Resolution Memorial Joint Proposition Other

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Title: NMSU Administration Responsibility towards Indigenous Peoples of NM

Aim or Purpose: Financially Support Programming for Indigenous People's Day in and Compliance with Promises Made in 2018-9.

Date Submitted: 10/24/2023

Sponsor(s): Bronstein (A&S), Bond (NTT-Alamogordo), Beck (Library)

Proposed Committee: DEI

Prior Approvals: None

Whereas, in 2019 the state of New Mexico designated the second Monday in October as Indigenous People's Day;

And whereas, in the 2018-2019 academic year, the NMSU Faculty Senate successfully passed Proposition 8/2018-2019, which was signed as approved by then-president John Floros and then-Provost April Mason;

And whereas, Proposition 8/2018-2019 directed the following action items:

- acknowledging and embracing Indigenous Peoples' ceremonies and events
- hosting outstanding Indigenous speakers or a speaker's series
- highlighting student and faculty research, etc.
- asserting 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.

And whereas, the university has failed to uphold its promise to fund and host speakers, highlight student and faculty research, approve a land acknowledgement statement, or fund initiatives to recruit, retain and mentor to success Indigenous students, staff, and faculty;

And whereas the Provost has announced that he is working to make NMSU a Native-Serving (non-tribal) institution;

And whereas, the Provost and the VP of DEI have asserted that it is the faculty's responsibility alone to provide programming, despite the absence of targeted funding;

Therefore, the Faculty Senate of New Mexico State University calls on the university administration strongly to advocate for funding for these promised initiatives in the 2024 legislative session.

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**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.

Date Submitted: October 23rd, 2018

Sponsor(s): Manal Hamzeh (Senator/A&S), Maria A Gurrola (Senator, CHSS), Jeanette Haynes Writer (Education), Reyaun Francisco (ASNMSU Senator), Michael Ray (Director of the American Indian Student Program), Chris Brown (A&S), David Ortiz Canseco, (A&S), Maria de Boyrie (CoB), Ken Hammond (A&S), Karim Martinez (ACES), Rolfe Sassenfeld (Eng), Sylvia Walker (NMSU-A), Andrea Joseph (NTT), Tarlochan Dhillon (DACC)

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.



Faculty Senate Transmittal and Administrative Action Routing Form

To: Office of the President
From: Faculty Senate Chair, Becky Corran
RE: Proposition: 08-18/19
Date: December 6, 2018

Please find enclosed Faculty Senate Legislation No. 08-18/19 entitled, 'NMSU's Recognition of Indigenous Peoples' Day on the second Monday of October', approved by the Faculty Senate on December 6, 2018.

Please Route for Approval:

Table with two main sections: Faculty Senate Request and President Action. Includes checkboxes for review, veto, and approval, along with handwritten signatures and dates.

Please return form to: Gloria Podruchny, Faculty Senate Recording Secretary, MSC 3445 President's Office, Email: glopodru@nmsu.edu / Phone: (575)646-2127

Chancellor Review: Required Optional
Dan E. Arvizu, Chancellor
Date