



A Proclamation by the Governor

WHEREAS, the rich culture and unique experiences of indigenous people have added to the story of our nation; and

WHEREAS, the contributions of indigenous people to our society have significantly improved the freedom, prosperity, and diversity of America today; and

WHEREAS, the thriving culture and significant value of indigenous people is a legacy that adds to the history of the State of Nevada and the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, Indigenous Peoples Day is an opportunity to celebrate the culture, traditions, and customs of indigenous people, while also remembering and reflecting on the hardships they have faced; and

WHEREAS, Indigenous Peoples Day was first proposed in 1977 by a delegation of Native Americans to the International Conference on Discrimination Against Indigenous Populations in the Americas sponsored by the United Nations; and

WHEREAS, there are an estimated 370 million indigenous people in the world, living across 90 countries and representing 5,000 different cultures, according to the United Nations; and

WHEREAS, the Silver State is home to the Great Basin American Indian tribes, the Washoe, Northern Paiute, Southern Paiute and Western Shoshone, which encompass 27 Tribes, Bands and Colonies, each having unique traditions and identities that span generations; and

WHEREAS, on December 23, 1994, the United Nations General Assembly adopted Resolution 49/214 in which it named August 9 of each year as International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRIAN SANDOVAL, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, do hereby proclaim August 9, 2017 as

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY IN NEVADA



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Nevada to be affixed at the State Capitol in Carson City, this 7th day of August, 2017.

By the Governor:

Governor

Barbara K. Legarske
Secretary of State

By _____

Deputy