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## Office of the Governor

June 2, 2025

The Honorable Steve Yeager  
Speaker of the Nevada State Assembly  
401 South Carson Street  
Carson City, Nevada 89701

**Re: Assembly Bill 144 of the 83rd Legislative Session**

Dear Speaker Yeager:

I am forwarding to you, for filing within the time limit set forth in the Nevada Constitution and without my approval, Assembly Bill 144 ("AB 144"), which is titled as follows:

AN ACT relating to days of observance; establishing the second Monday in October of each year as "Indigenous Peoples Day" in the State of Nevada; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

It is important that the State of Nevada observes one day each year to remember the remarkable accomplishments of Nevada's indigenous community and that community's cultural and historical significance in Nevada.

Under current law, we annually celebrate the rich history of Native Americans on August 9th. For the annual proclamation commemorating Indigenous Peoples Day, my office may well include the additional content proposed in this bill in future years. That said, it is better for Indigenous Peoples Day to fall on a day where there are no other holidays so it can continue to receive Nevadans' undivided recognition.

For these reasons, I veto this bill and return it without my signature or approval.

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Respectfully submitted,



JOE LOMBARDO

*Governor of Nevada*

Enclosure

cc: The Honorable Stavros Anthony, President of the Senate (without enclosure)  
The Honorable Nicole Cannizzaro, Senate Majority Leader (without enclosure)  
The Honorable Francisco Aguilar, Secretary of State (without enclosure)  
Brendan Bucy, Secretary of the Senate (without enclosure)  
Bonnie Borda Hoffecker, Chief Clerk of the Assembly (without enclosure)  
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