
INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY

PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING THE SECOND MONDAY IN OCTOBER

WHEREAS, University of Nevada, Las Vegas (the "UNLV") recognizes and respects Indigenous Peoples as traditional stewards of the lands, that would later become known as the United States of America, and the enduring relationship that exists between Indigenous peoples and their traditional territories since time immemorial; and

WHEREAS, at present there are 574 federally-recognized Tribes, who are sovereign nations with a government-to-government relationship promised under treaties with the United States; and

WHEREAS, Nevada is home to 21 federally recognized tribes comprising 28 Tribal Bands, councils, and communities who have inhabited and protected these lands for thousands of years; and

WHEREAS, the UNLV acknowledges that we are on the traditional lands of the Southern Paiute and the Mojave who continue to prosper today as the Moapa Band of Paiutes Tribe, Las Vegas Paiute Tribe and the Fort Mojave Indian Tribe; and values their deep cultural connection that has shaped the character of this region; and

WHEREAS, the UNLV recognizes that we are the chosen home to over 60,000 Urban Natives of Tribal Nations from all over the United States who contribute to the diversity of our population; and

WHEREAS, the UNLV recognizes the Tribal Nation enterprises who create opportunities to sustain our economy, and are helping to create a better tomorrow through charitable giving to those in need; and

WHEREAS, the UNLV commits to policies and practices that will promote the accurate representation of Indigenous people in our cultural, educational and historical programs to ensure children and the community at-large can benefit from their ancestral knowledge; and

WHEREAS, the UNLV recognizes the value of educational integrity and search for truth in telling the story of our foundation, and acknowledges past injustices to all Tribal nations, and as a gesture of reconciliation, desires to recognize Indigenous Peoples' Day.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the President of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, do hereby present this Proclamation to the UNLV Native American Student Association for their leadership in advocating for the recognition of Indigenous Peoples' Day in our community.

