



Indigenous Alliance Without Borders Alianza Indígena Sin Fronteras

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To Whom It May Concern:

By signing this letter, I am adding my name and my voice in support of the establishment of Indigenous Peoples' Day on the second Monday in October in all Arizona cities and counties. I believe that it is vital to not only recognize the First Nations of the land that is now known as Arizona, but to come together in unity to build for future generations.

The establishment of Indigenous Peoples' Day provides a unique and much-needed opportunity to promote healing and unity in our communities. We must acknowledge past wrongs in the systematic genocide and oppression of the First Nations of these lands at the same time that we work together to forge a future together in the spirit of equality and justice.

In addition to a resolution to establish Indigenous Peoples' Day, I am signing on to support the following:

1. Indigenous Peoples' Day shall be used to reflect upon the ongoing human rights struggles of Indigenous peoples on this land, and to celebrate the thriving culture and value that all Indigenous nations add to our cities, counties and state.
2. Arizona city and county governments shall enact efforts to promote the well-being and growth of the Native American and Indigenous community.
3. Arizona city and county governments should strongly support the proposition that Indigenous Peoples' Day shall be an opportunity to celebrate the thriving cultures and values of the Indigenous Peoples' of our region.
4. Arizona city and county governments should strongly encourages Arizona public schools to include the teaching of Indigenous peoples' history as part of the regular curriculum.
5. Arizona city and county governments should encourage businesses, organizations, and public institutions to recognize Indigenous Peoples' Day.

I support the proposed resolution for the establishment of Indigenous Peoples' Day that has been made available by the Tucson Indigenous Peoples' Day Committee. This proposed resolution is available on the website of the Alianza Indígena Sin Fronteras/Indigenous Alliance Without Borders (<http://www.indigenousalliance.org/#!indigenous-peoples-day-campaign/c1ce3>).

By establishing Indigenous Peoples' Day, we can celebrate the diversity that is Arizona, and the richness that continues to define our communities. I join my voice to the thousands in Arizona who wish to build together in unity and respect, acknowledging our differences as we celebrate the many things that bring us together as Arizonans.

In Solidarity,
Jose Matus
Executive Director