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Senate Republicans Issue Statement on “American Indian Day” and Senate Memorial 18

Memorial honors the families of missing and murdered Indigenous women

SANTA FE – Today, the Senate Republican Caucus issued the following statement in honor of “American Indian Day” and Senate Memorial 18:

“New Mexico is proud to be home to twenty-three sovereign Native American nations, tribes, and pueblos. Today, we honor the contributions of the Native American people to our state’s artistic, economic, social, religious, and political cultures. As the original inhabitants of this land, we acknowledge the unique challenges they face and the admirable ways by which they have worked to overcome them.”

“We also recognize the sad reality that Native American women in New Mexico have the highest rate of homicide victims among all racial and ethnic groups. With hundreds of active, unsolved missing person cases, there is much work to be done at the state and federal level to end the violence inflicted on the Native American community. We pledge our support to this effort and we thank Senator Shannon Pinto for bringing public awareness to this pressing matter.”

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