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# Gov. Lujan Grisham Meets with New Mexico Tribal Leaders during 2024 State Tribal Leaders Summit

FARMINGTON – Leadership from New Mexico’s 23 Nations, Tribes, and Pueblos met with Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham, Lt. Governor Howie Morales, cabinet secretaries and state tribal liaisons for the annual State Tribal Leader Summit on Tuesday.

“The summit provides a valuable opportunity for us to engage in meaningful conversations about issues that matter most to the New Mexicans who hail from our 23 Nations, Tribes, and Pueblos,” said **Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham**. “I’m thankful to join hands with fellow leaders as we strengthen our bonds and unite to enrich the lives of all within our state.”

Established in 2009 under the State Tribal Collaboration Act, the annual summit ensures tribal priorities influence state policy. Convened by the New Mexico Indian Affairs Department, its aim is to bolster relationships between sovereign tribal governments and the state of New Mexico.

“Under Gov. Lujan Grisham’s leadership, there’s been unprecedented support for New Mexico’s Nations, Pueblos, Tribes, and native people. Tribal communities now have more opportunities to engage in state decisions, reflecting the Governor’s commitment to genuine government-to-government relationships,” said Indian Affairs Department **Secretary Josett D. Monette**. “The strength of Tribal communities and members directly correlates to a stronger New Mexico, and I value being a part of this great work.”

Representatives from tribal communities throughout the state attended the summit to discuss a wide range of issues, including public safety, tribal infrastructure funding, health care delivery and access, state and tribal natural resources, state and tribal economic investments, and education.

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