# Governor Ducey Signs President Dylan Baca's Proclamation to Recognize Indigenous Peoples' Day

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PHOENIX- This October 12th will be Indigenous Peoples' Day after Governor Douglas Ducey has signed President Dylan Baca and Vice president Madeline Jones' proclamation calling to recognize Indigenous Peoples' Day to recognize and honor the contributions of Native Americans. Dylan Baca and Madeline Jones have partnered with Arizona Senator Jamescita Peshlakai and United States Congresswoman Norma Torres of California to sponsor legislation on the federal and state levels. To celebrate the proclamation, Indigenous Peoples' Initiative President Dylan Baca, Vice president Madeline Jones, Senator Jamescita Peshlakai, and community members will hold an event at the Heard Museum on September 29th at 9:30AM.

Statement by President Baca, "I am grateful that this October 12th will be recognized as Indigenous Peoples Day in Arizona. I founded the Indigenous Peoples' Initiative to educate and advocate on behalf of Indigenous Peoples' to ensure that Native Americans are accurately represented. Now we must work to make this a permanent holiday in Arizona. Celebrating Indigenous People's Day gives us an opportunity to tell a more accurate narrative of our history. This is a day to uplift our stories and communities"

Indigneous Peoples' Initiative Vice President added, "The first time I learned that Native Americans weren't considered citizens until 1924 was my sophomore year of highschool. It wasn't in my history textbook; I learned it from one of my friends. I was so shocked that I knew virtually nothing about the Indigenous side of history in the United States. I think that Governor Doug Ducey signing the proclamation to celebrate Indigenous People's Day in Arizona will help shed light on a more accurate version of history, and begin to put an end to harmful, racist stereotypes placed on Native Americans."