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STATEMENT ON INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY
FROM NSHE CHANCELLOR MELODY ROSE

Today, Chancellor Melody Rose, with the support of all Presidents of the Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE), celebrate the Indigenous Peoples of the Great Basin and North America.

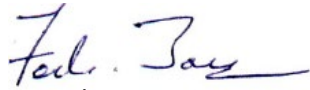
The Numu (Northern Paiute), Nuwu (Southern Paiute), Newe (Western Shoshone), and Wašiw (Washoe) Peoples have enriched our communities in countless ways. Indigenous Peoples served as the first caretakers of our environment, and they have worked to preserve an ancestral history for future generations through unique and vibrant cultural customs and traditions.

Indigenous Peoples' immeasurable contributions to our society have helped shape our way of life. Through fine art, storytelling, dance, sport, technology, agriculture, education, and many other disciplines and practices, Indigenous Peoples have enhanced our collective knowledge base and encouraged all of us to promote respect and responsibility not only for the Earth but also for our fellow human beings.

The NSHE community values these contributions. We are honored not only to educate our students but also to learn from them—to incorporate their rich experiences, histories, and cultures into the diversity of each incoming class. The preservation and transmission of Indigenous Peoples' histories, languages, and culture have made NSHE a better and brighter education system, and we commit to meeting the unique needs of Indigenous Peoples in substantial and meaningful ways through the development of programs and support for Indigenous students.

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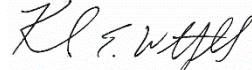
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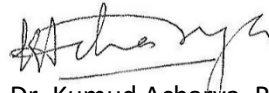
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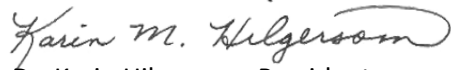
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