

American Legion Auxiliary  
New Mexico Girls State  
**Resolution**



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Simple Title of Resolution: Dear Board of Education

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SENATE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

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Language vs. Education

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How natives lost the way to communicate in public due to racial profiling. Amendment one

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and fourteen (sec. 1)

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

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NEW MEXICO GIRLS STATE:

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**SECTION 1. Indigenous language vs. Education**

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**In terms of Native Americans and education, schools tend to throw away a**

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**system of traditions that were brought down from generations. From the**

1 very moment Christopher Columbus “discovered” America, Native Americans were  
2 forced to forget their heritage and become Americanized. Many years have passed  
3 from then and we are still in the same place Columbus left us in, indigenous people  
4 were taken off their land during the 19th century and mid 20th century to be put in  
5 boarding school and to be thought the “white man’s way”. “Children were typically  
6 immersed in European-American culture through forced changes that removed  
7 indigenous cultural signifiers.”

8 [https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/American\\_Indian\\_boarding\\_schools](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/American_Indian_boarding_schools)

9 Even today in 21st century, indigenous children are still not being thought the  
10 values and importance of their religion. Losing the connection between their  
11 ancestors and making it harder for kids to learn and experience their culture. My  
12 solution is for schools around New Mexico, the land of indigenous, to put two years  
13 of native language as a core curriculum. Students shouldn’t be afraid to talk their  
14 native tongue, they have to embrace and be ready for the journey that lies ahead.

15 SECTION 2. The amendment proposed by this resolution shall be submitted to the  
16 people for their approval or rejection at the next general election or at any special election  
17 prior to that date that may be called for that purpose.