



## REPUBLICAN PARTY OF NEW MEXICO STATEMENT ON COLUMBUS DAY

**Albuquerque, October 10**—Today we commemorate Columbus Day. In 1492, Christopher Columbus set forth on a historic voyage that led to the discovery of a passage into the Americas. His risk-taking and uncharted voyage across the Atlantic with three ships, the Niña, Pinta and Santa María opened the way for Western civilization to flourish.

Within recent years we have seen the left attempt to erase the history of Christopher Columbus. Along with this, we've seen an overall attempted revision and demonization of all of America's rich history. This is unfortunate, as the historical significance of Christopher Columbus's discovery into America includes lessons that we as Americans must continue to learn from. We must learn from our history's mistakes including the brutal treatment of the first Native American people and never repeat it, and we must also acknowledge our history's vast accomplishments to remember the great pioneering of Western civilization.

The route of discovery paved by Christopher Columbus led to the advancement of the greatest and strongest nation in the world. On this day, we also remember the first Italian Americans who brought their heritage to the New World, carrying the original American dream and paving the way for the rich melting pot of cultures which is now America. May we be inspired in our own lives to carry forth a spirit of discovery, new beginnings, perseverance, and gain a deeper appreciation for every American who calls this beautiful nation home.