Happy Thanksgiving!

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“As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them.”

- John Fitzgerald Kennedy

Research into The Center for Legislative Archives documents the beginnings of Thanksgiving Day back to September 28, 1789 at which time the first Federal Congress asked President George Washington to support their resolution asking for a national day to give thanks. From that request came a proclamation establishing Thursday, November 26, 1789 as a “Day of Publick Thanksgivin.” Over the years and across several presidential terms, the date has changed from the last Thursday of November to the current fourth Thursday of the month.
As we prepare to enjoy a well-deserved break from the demands of our busy campus life and look forward to family, friends and celebrations, let us not forget to be grateful for all we have received throughout the year. Please accept my wishes to each of you for a very healthy and happy Thanksgiving.

May we all enjoy the true spirit of Thanksgiving by reflecting on our many gifts including our tremendous ability to work together as one UNM-Gallup community to transform the lives of our students and enrich ourselves in the process. Using teamwork, collaboration, respect and collegiality there is no limit to what we can accomplish. For this I am very grateful.

Safety and blessings to all.

Best regards, James.