

**Governor Bill Richardson to Throw Out First Pitch Saturday
at Historic
Native American Baseball All-Star Game**

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SANTA FE- Governor Richardson will throw out the first pitch for New Mexico's first Native American All-Star Baseball Game this Saturday in Albuquerque. This unique event is a fundraiser for the newly-established Highlands University Native American Athlete Scholarship Fund, and was organized by Mike Koldyke, principal owner of the Albuquerque Isotopes.

"This is a terrific way to recognize Native American student-athletes, have some fun, and raise money for a wonderful cause," said Governor Richardson. "I applaud Mike Koldyke for his commitment to improving the recruitment and retention of Native American student-athletes in our universities. I also commend Highlands University for taking this first, important step by establishing a scholarship fund for these students."

The Northern Pueblo All-Stars will take on the Southern Pueblo All-Stars at Isotopes Stadium. The game is scheduled for this Saturday, September 20. Gates open at 12:30 p.m., with game time set for 1:30 pm. Tickets are \$5.00.