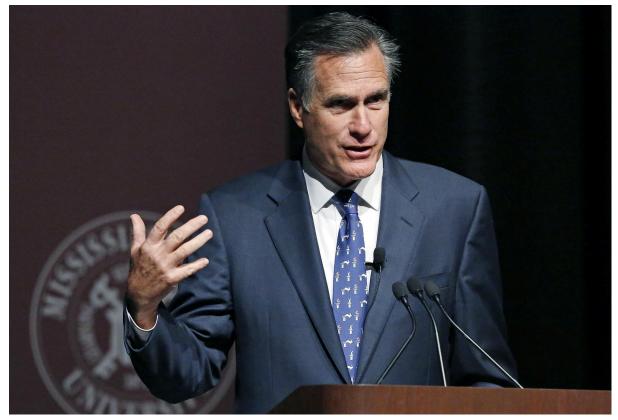
<u>Governor Grant's Speech on Protecting</u> <u>Children Online</u>



Today, Fremont Governor Michael D. Grant delivered a speech to an audience in Portland FR regarding the protection of children online and outlined his goals to support such an endeavor.

My fellow Americans,

As Governor of Fremont, I have had the privilege of traveling to many different parts of our great state and meeting people from all walks of life. And one of the things that I have learned is that the story of America is not just the story of one group of people, but of many different groups of people, each with their own unique history and culture. And among these groups, none have a more important or historic role in our country's history than the indigenous peoples of America.

The First Nations, Native American, Alaskan Native and Hawaii peoples of this land have been here for thousands of years. Their cultures, traditions, and way of life have shaped this land and has played a central role in shaping our nation. And yet, despite the immense contributions that these communities have made, they have also faced centuries of injustice and mistreatment at the hands of the government and society.

We must acknowledge the past wrongs that were inflicted on these communities. They have been marginalized in government and employment, taken from their native lands, their culture and their language, and decimated by disease and war. We have a moral obligation to address this history, and to do what we can to ensure that the rights and dignity of these communities are respected and protected in the present and for the future.

However, I firmly believe that this is not just a matter of righting past wrongs. If the state government were to now issue an apology for these past atrocities, it would help to raise awareness but it would have very little benefit for the indigenous people who are alive today. The most important action we must take is in fulfilling our responsibilities as citizens of this democratic country. The fate of the indigenous peoples is inextricably linked with the fate of the country as a whole. And so, the fact that they have been so terribly mistreated in the past is nothing short of disgraceful.

Recently, I produced a new Executive Order which formed the Indigenous Representation Council. This group, which shall meet regularly, is made up of representatives from every recognized indigenous group in Fremont, and is designed to advise myself and the rest of the executive branch on how we can better support the indigenous peoples of this state. But this is not all. I have high hopes for a second term as Governor, in which I intend to continue my work with the indigenous people of America and I promise, to these people, that I will continue to work to ensure that you are heard and they are given the recognition that is rightfully your's.

Thank you, and God Bless America.