

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 61

47TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2006

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A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THAT THE GOVERNOR DESIGNATE SEPTEMBER 23, 2006 AS
"NATIVE PLANT DAY" IN NEW MEXICO.

WHEREAS, New Mexico has one of the largest numbers of
plant habitats in the United States, from Chihuahuan desert to
alpine tundra; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico also supports one of the largest
numbers of native plant species in the United States; and

WHEREAS, some of these species are found nowhere else on
earth; and

WHEREAS, these native plants support a large variety of
birds and animals, both native and domestic; and

WHEREAS, our modern way of life inadvertently destroys
habitat and introduces noxious weeds, which in their turn
replace native forage as well as the state's natural heritage;

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1 and

2 WHEREAS, in all seasons, New Mexicans enjoy the beauty and
3 variety of these native plants, from sunflowers and purple
4 asters to exotic yuccas and cacti; and

5 WHEREAS, there is increasing concern lest many of these
6 native plants become destroyed or eradicated because they are
7 not well enough known;

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
9 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the governor be requested to designate
10 September 23, 2006 as "Native Plant Day" in New Mexico to honor
11 and showcase the natural heritage of plants that New Mexico
12 provides for all its citizens; and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
14 transmitted to the governor and to the president of the native
15 plant society of New Mexico.

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