

1 A MEMORIAL

2 REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO DECLARE FEBRUARY 2, 2018 AS
3 "AMERICAN INDIAN DAY" IN NEW MEXICO.

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5 WHEREAS, New Mexico is home to twenty-three sovereign
6 Native American nations, whose people are citizens of both
7 New Mexico and their sovereign nations; and

8 WHEREAS, decades ago, the state of New Mexico in its
9 wisdom set apart a day each year, to be known as "American
10 Indian Day", in recognition of the many contributions of
11 American Indians to the economic and cultural heritage of
12 all the citizens of the United States; and

13 WHEREAS, the legislature takes great care to recognize
14 and support the immeasurable contributions that Native
15 American people have made to make New Mexico great; and

16 WHEREAS, contemporary life in New Mexico is deeply
17 enriched by cultural, artistic, economic, social, religious
18 and political aspects of its Native American people and
19 communities; and

20 WHEREAS, American Indians are the original inhabitants
21 of this state and have overcome great devastation and
22 misfortune; and

23 WHEREAS, the experiences of American Indians in
24 New Mexico provide substantial enrichment to the state and
25 are worthy of great esteem;

