

1 A MEMORIAL

2 RECOGNIZING THE ONE-HUNDRED-FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
3 ESTABLISHMENT OF THE MESCALERO APACHE INDIAN RESERVATION.
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5 WHEREAS, the Mescalero Apache Indian reservation was
6 established by President Ulysses S. Grant on May 29, 1873, by
7 executive order; and

8 WHEREAS, the original boundaries of the Mescalero Apache
9 Indian reservation spanned as far north as Fort Stanton, and
10 the current reservation is more than seven hundred nineteen
11 square miles, or four hundred sixty-three thousand acres; and

12 WHEREAS, sierra blanca, or white mountain, sacred to the
13 Apache people, is located partially on the Mescalero Apache
14 Indian reservation; and

15 WHEREAS, the Mescalero Apache Tribe represents the
16 Mescalero, Lipan and Chiricahua Apache bands of Apache; and

17 WHEREAS, the Mescalero Apache people have called the
18 lands of New Mexico their home since time immemorial; and

19 WHEREAS, the Lipan Apache were forced from their
20 homelands in Texas and northern Mexico and held as prisoners
21 of war until 1905 when they joined the Mescalero Apache on
22 the Mescalero Apache Indian reservation; and

23 WHEREAS, in 1913, the Chiricahua Apache were released as
24 prisoners of war from the Fort Sill military reservation near
25 Lawton, Oklahoma, and the vast majority of the

1 Chiricahua Apache chose to make their homes on the
2 Mescalero Apache Indian reservation where they were welcomed
3 wholeheartedly by the Mescalero Apache; and

4 WHEREAS, since the establishment of the Mescalero Apache
5 Indian reservation, the Mescalero Apache Tribe has been at
6 the forefront of the fight for tribal sovereignty at the
7 state and national levels and to preserve its culture,
8 language and connection to its homelands throughout southern
9 New Mexico; and

10 WHEREAS, the Mescalero Apache Indian reservation
11 is mountainous and heavily wooded, and the
12 Mescalero Apache Tribe is well-known for its sustainable
13 forestry management, public campgrounds and big game hunting
14 program; and

15 WHEREAS, the Mescalero Apache Tribe is proud to share
16 the natural beauty of the Mescalero Apache Indian reservation
17 with guests and patrons from New Mexico, Texas, Arizona and
18 many other places at the tribe's resort and casino, the inn
19 of the mountain gods; and

20 WHEREAS, the Mescalero Apache Tribe is proud to call the
21 Mescalero Apache Indian reservation its home;

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
23 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the one-hundred-fiftieth anniversary
24 of the establishment of the Mescalero Apache Indian
25 reservation be recognized and celebrated by the senate and

1 throughout New Mexico; and

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
3 transmitted to the Mescalero Apache tribal government tribal
4 council. _____

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