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HOUSE MEMORIAL 65

**47TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2005**

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THAT THE GOVERNOR DESIGNATE AUGUST 10, 2005 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 HOUSE OF  
9 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the governor be  
10 requested to designate August 10, 2005 as "Native Plant Day" in  
11 New Mexico to honor and showcase the natural heritage of plants  
12 that New Mexico 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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