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1 the nation; and

2 WHEREAS, the Apache, Navajo and Pueblo communities
3 maintain their unique cultures and traditions to the benefit
4 and promotion of New Mexico tourism, arts and crafts and
5 scientific knowledge; and

6 WHEREAS, the population in 2003 for American Indians and
7 Alaska Natives was two hundred five thousand, or eleven percent
8 of the state population; and

9 WHEREAS, the American Indian and Alaska Natives population
10 in New Mexico ranked fifth among all states with the highest
11 numerical increases, eight thousand four hundred thirty, from
12 2000 to 2003; and

13 WHEREAS, McKinley county, with its American Indian and
14 Alaska Natives population of fifty-eight thousand, seventy-
15 eight percent of the county's population, and San Juan county,
16 with its American Indian and Alaska Natives population of
17 forty-six thousand, thirty-eight percent of the county's
18 population, ranked third and seventh, respectively, for
19 American Indian and Alaska Natives among all counties
20 nationwide; and

21 WHEREAS, Albuquerque, with its American Indian and Alaska
22 Native population of twenty-two thousand forty-seven, four and
23 nine-tenths percent of Albuquerque's population, ranks fourth
24 in proportion among all census-designated places nationwide of
25 one hundred thousand or more; and

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1 WHEREAS, the national poverty rate for American Indians
2 and Alaska Natives, averaged from 2001 to 2003, was twenty
3 percent; and

4 WHEREAS, American Indians and Alaska Natives nationally
5 have the highest percentage, twenty-seven and one-half percent,
6 of people with no health insurance; and

7 WHEREAS, only fourteen percent of all American Indians and
8 Alaska Natives over the age of twenty-five have at least a
9 bachelor's degree; and

10 WHEREAS, the tribal nations of New Mexico have sovereign
11 jurisdiction within their reservations and have become
12 increasingly self-determined in the administration and
13 management of their people and their natural resources; and

14 WHEREAS, the mining of coal, oil and gas resources located
15 on Indian lands contributes substantial revenues to the New
16 Mexico economy; and

17 WHEREAS, the oldest and most senior water rights are held
18 by Indian tribes in New Mexico; and

19 WHEREAS, housing, health and education services provided
20 by the federal department of housing and urban development, the
21 bureau of Indian affairs, the Indian health service and other
22 providers contributed substantial housing, roads, community
23 infrastructure and school needs to native people in New Mexico;
24 and

25 WHEREAS, Indian casinos employ over nine thousand people

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1 and contributed approximately eighty million dollars
2 (\$80,000,000) in 2004 to the state in revenues; and

3 WHEREAS, Indian tribes are among the largest single
4 employers in Bernalillo, Cibola, McKinley, Otero, Sandoval and
5 San Juan counties; and

6 WHEREAS, the American planning association created a new
7 eighteenth division in indigenous planning whose mission is to
8 foster an interdisciplinary approach to planning that upholds
9 land tenure values and cultural world views in community
10 development;

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
12 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that all federal, state, local and tribal
13 planning agencies be encouraged to cooperate and support the
14 initiatives of the American planning association indigenous
15 planning division; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the commission on higher
17 education, all New Mexico post-secondary educational
18 institutions and the Indian education division of the public
19 education department support and promote careers and training
20 in planning for the benefit of tribal communities; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all planners that work for or
22 with tribal communities be encouraged to convene a statewide
23 summit on indigenous planning; and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
25 transmitted to the commission on higher education, to all New

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