

A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE NEW MEXICO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO DIRECT THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE TO STUDY WAYS TO IMPLEMENT A MULTIYEAR INITIATIVE TO IMPROVE EDUCATION FOR NATIVE AMERICAN STUDENTS.

WHEREAS, a multiyear initiative targeted toward encouraging Hispanic students in New Mexico to enter and complete college has demonstrated success; and

WHEREAS, the initiative designed for enhancing the educational experience of Hispanic students has served as a catalyst to strengthen partnerships and create coalitions among Hispanic-serving institutions, including colleges and universities with twenty-five percent or higher Hispanic enrollments, school districts, communities, businesses, families and funders, creating opportunities for Hispanics to enter and complete college; and

WHEREAS, the initiative for Hispanic students has collected information on program participants at a variety of sites and at multiple points during program implementation so that the effectiveness of the services can be accurately assessed; and

WHEREAS, the initiative for Hispanic students involves the students in research and assessment of the program; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico Native American students could benefit from a similar program focusing on college enrollment

and completion, and student research and participation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico legislative council be encouraged to direct an appropriate interim committee to study ways such a program could be applied to improve the educational experience of Native American students in New Mexico; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the co-chairs of the New Mexico legislative council.