

1 **SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 1**

2 **47TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2006**

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8 **FOR THE INDIAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

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10 **A JOINT MEMORIAL**

11 **COMMENDING GOVERNOR JOE GARCIA ON HIS ELECTION AS PRESIDENT**  
12 **OF THE NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS AND EXPRESSING**  
13 **THE CONGRATULATIONS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND THE STATE.**

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15 **WHEREAS**, on November 3, 2005, Joe Garcia, governor of  
16 **Ohkay Owingeh**, was elected president of the national congress  
17 **of American Indians at its sixty-second annual meeting in**  
18 **Tulsa, Oklahoma; and**

19 **WHEREAS**, the national congress of American Indians  
20 **serves tribes throughout the United States as an advocate**  
21 **with the federal government, keeping the tribes informed**  
22 **about pending federal legislation, and provides a forum for**  
23 **tribal leaders to network, share information, develop**  
24 **solutions to the challenges faced by all tribes and**

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1 participate in training to make them more effective as tribal  
2 leaders and representatives; and

3 WHEREAS, Governor Garcia, now serving his third  
4 nonconsecutive term as governor of Ohkay Owingeh, is only the  
5 second pueblo governor to be elected president of the  
6 national congress of American Indians since 1944, when the  
7 congress was created; and

8 WHEREAS, Governor Garcia will serve for two years as  
9 president before having to stand for election again; and

10 WHEREAS, Governor Garcia will work with all tribes in  
11 the United States so that they speak with one voice on  
12 matters that are of common concern to them while working at  
13 the federal level to make certain that all legislation  
14 affecting tribes recognizes the different needs and  
15 capabilities of each tribe; and

16 WHEREAS, Governor Garcia's belief that the tribes should  
17 be proactive and assertive in relations with the federal  
18 government means that the national congress of American  
19 Indians will take the offensive and seek results that benefit  
20 the tribes rather than express disappointment after policies  
21 and legislation are adopted;

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
23 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that Governor Joe Garcia be congratulated  
24 for his election as president of the national congress of  
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American Indians; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Governor Joe Garcia of Ohkay Owingeh be recognized for his leadership in New Mexico and be supported in exerting the leadership necessary to achieve success for Indian tribes throughout the United States; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be transmitted to Governor Joe Garcia at Ohkay Owingeh.

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