

1 SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 42

2 **48TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2007**

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10 A JOINT MEMORIAL

11 REQUESTING A STUDY OF PROCEDURES FOR AND THE IMPLICATIONS OF
12 FORMAL STATE RECOGNITION OF INDIAN NATIONS, TRIBES AND PUEBLOS.
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14 WHEREAS, the state has long recognized the importance of
15 the Indian nations, tribes and pueblos located within the
16 state; and

17 WHEREAS, the state has created a cabinet-level Indian
18 affairs department to address relations between the state and
19 Indian nations, tribes and pueblos located within the state;
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21 WHEREAS, since 1895, the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe has had
22 approximately one hundred ten thousand acres of its reservation
23 lands located within the state; and

24 WHEREAS, the Ute Mountain Ute tribal lands within the
25 state are used for traditional purposes and resource

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1 development, including grazing and oil and gas extraction; and

2 WHEREAS, many members of the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe live
3 and work in the state; and

4 WHEREAS, the Ute Mountain Ute tribal council passed a
5 resolution on July 5, 2005, requesting the state to formally
6 recognize the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe; and

7 WHEREAS, the state does not currently have a formal method
8 of recognizing any Indian nations, tribes and pueblos located
9 within the state;

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
11 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the office of the attorney general and
12 the Indian affairs department be requested to investigate the
13 potential impact to the state of formal recognition of Indian
14 nations, tribes and pueblos located within the state and
15 alternative methods by which the state may formally recognize
16 Indian nations, tribes and pueblos located within the state;
17 and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the office of the attorney
19 general and the Indian affairs department be requested to
20 report their findings and recommendations no later than October
21 1, 2007 to the appropriate interim committees of the
22 legislature; and

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
24 transmitted to the New Mexico attorney general, the secretary
25 of Indian affairs, the president of the Navajo Nation, the

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1 president of the Jicarilla Apache Nation, the president of the
2 Mescalero Apache Tribe, the chair of the Ute Mountain Ute
3 Tribe, the governors of the nineteen Indian pueblos and the
4 chair of the all Indian pueblo council.

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