

1 A MEMORIAL

2 RECOGNIZING THE GALLUP INTER-TRIBAL INDIAN CEREMONIAL'S
3 LONG-STANDING AND SIGNIFICANT PROMOTION OF NATIVE AMERICAN
4 COMMUNITY, PRIDE, TRADITION, TALENT, CULTURE AND ART.
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6 WHEREAS, the Gallup inter-tribal Indian ceremonial is a
7 five-day event held each August to celebrate Native American
8 heritage and exhibit the cultures, dances, traditions, foods,
9 artistic talents and athletic abilities of Native Americans;
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11 WHEREAS, the Gallup inter-tribal Indian ceremonial
12 started in 1922, when members of the Navajo Nation, the
13 Pueblo of Zuni and other pueblos marched through downtown
14 Gallup in ceremonial celebration; and

15 WHEREAS, the Gallup inter-tribal Indian ceremonial
16 continues to feature parades, including a ceremonial parade
17 that pays tribute to the Navajo Long Walk, in which thousands
18 of Navajo men, women and children during the mid-1800s were
19 forced to relocate, by foot, from their ancestral lands in
20 what is now eastern Arizona and western New Mexico to Fort
21 Sumner in eastern New Mexico; and

22 WHEREAS, the Gallup inter-tribal Indian ceremonial
23 presents an opportunity for numerous tribes from the United
24 States and Mexico, including Navajo, Apache, Choctaw, Zuni,
25 Hopi, Comanche, Aztec and Totonac peoples, among others, to

1 participate together in festivities and to celebrate their
2 cultures; and

3 WHEREAS, the Gallup inter-tribal Indian ceremonial is
4 singular in bringing together so many different Native
5 American cultures that share their dances and traditions at
6 one event; and

7 WHEREAS, Gallup inter-tribal Indian ceremonial
8 participants include Native American dancers, musicians,
9 royalty and horseback riders; and

10 WHEREAS, Gallup inter-tribal Indian ceremonial
11 participants have also included Navajo code talkers who
12 fought for the United States in World War II; and

13 WHEREAS, the Gallup inter-tribal Indian ceremonial
14 features a rodeo and a three-day competition in which
15 Native American women residing within a three-hundred-mile
16 radius of Gallup compete for the title of "Miss Gallup
17 Inter-Tribal Indian Ceremonial"; and

18 WHEREAS, the Gallup inter-tribal Indian ceremonial
19 dances are breathtaking displays of color, spirit and talent
20 and are performed at the dramatically beautiful Red Rocks
21 amphitheater; and

22 WHEREAS, the indoor-outdoor marketplace at the Gallup
23 inter-tribal Indian ceremonial exhibits some of the finest
24 traditional and contemporary art by Native American artisans;
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