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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO DECLARE FEBRUARY 5, 2016 AS
"AMERICAN INDIAN DAY" IN NEW MEXICO.

WHEREAS, New Mexico is home to twenty-three sovereign
Native American nations, whose people are citizens of both
New Mexico and their sovereign nations; and

WHEREAS, decades ago, the state of New Mexico in its
wisdom set apart a day each year, to be known as "American
Indian Day", in recognition of the many contributions of
American Indians to the economic and cultural heritage of all
the citizens of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the legislature takes great care to recognize
and support the immeasurable contributions that Native
American people have made to make New Mexico great; and

WHEREAS, contemporary life in New Mexico is deeply
enriched by cultural, artistic, economic, social, religious
and political aspects of its Native American people and
communities; and

WHEREAS, American Indians are the original inhabitants
of this state and have overcome great devastation and
misfortune; and

WHEREAS, the experiences of American Indians in New
Mexico provide substantial enrichment to the state and are
worthy of great esteem;

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
2 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the governor
3 be requested to declare February 5, 2016 as "American Indian
4 Day" in New Mexico; and

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
6 transmitted to the secretary of Indian affairs and the
7 governor of New Mexico.

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