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HOUSE MEMORIAL 87

52ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2016

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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

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1 enriched by cultural, artistic, economic, social, religious and
2 political aspects of its Native American people and
3 communities; and

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

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

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

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
15 transmitted to the secretary of Indian affairs and the governor
16 of New Mexico.

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