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SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 14
42ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION,
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A JOINT MEMORIAL
REQUESTING LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUPPORT FOR RECOGNITION OF LA
HERENCIA EN SANTA FE.

WHEREAS, a meeting of the open forum of Indian peoples at
the ninth inter-American Indian institute in November 1985
addressed the need of Indian peoples to effectively defend the
exercise of their human and political rights and the right of
self-determination; and

WHEREAS, it is the wish of these Indian peoples to
contribute to the defense of their political rights and their
right to self-determination; and

WHEREAS, as long ago as territorial days and as recently as
1987, the legislature gave recognition and legal credence to
land grants, acequia associations and small claim exceptions, as

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1 well as to the rights of the people of La Herencia en Santa Fe;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, in 1991 and 1992, the United States congress
4 deliberated over the Indian Tribal Justice Recognition Act of
5 1991, which if enacted will provide legal grounds for
6 recognizing La Herencia en Santa Fe as an Indian tribe;

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
8 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the local governments of New Mexico be
9 urged to take the first step in giving recognition to La
10 Herencia en Santa Fe as Indians through all appropriate
11 ordinances, budgets and administrative actions; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all land grant heirs, acequia
13 associations and small claim exceptions be requested to comply
14 with all applicable state laws; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
16 transmitted to the New Mexico municipal league and the New
17 Mexico association of counties for distribution to their
18 respective members.