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SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 79

42ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 1996

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A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING CONGRESS TO FUND AGING PROGRAMS FOR NATIVE AMERICAN  
ELDERS AT THE AUTHORIZED LEVELS AS THEY REAUTHORIZE THE OLDER  
AMERICANS ACT OF 1965.

WHEREAS, the Older Americans Act of 1965 is due for  
reauthorization during the current session of the United States  
congress; and

WHEREAS, Title VI of the Older Americans Act of 1965  
embodies the responsibilities that are an integral part of the  
sovereign relationship between the tribes and the federal  
government; and

WHEREAS, the White House conference on aging has, by  
resolution, proposed a comprehensive plan of action to address  
the needs of American Indian and Alaska Native elders; and

WHEREAS, American Indian and Alaska Native programs are

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1 targeted for greater funding reductions than other elder  
2 programs; and

3 WHEREAS, the cumulative effect of federal budget cuts in  
4 aging programs, health and human service programs,  
5 medicare/medicaid programs and bureau of Indian affairs and  
6 Indian health service programs will have a chilling and  
7 devastating impact on the elders in Indian communities in New  
8 Mexico;

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
10 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that, when the United States congress  
11 reauthorizes the Older Americans Act of 1965, a separate title  
12 be maintained for programs serving Native Americans; and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that American Indian and Alaska  
14 Native programs under Title VI should not be subject to a  
15 disproportionate share of funding reductions greater than that  
16 of programs under Title III for all other elders; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that programs serving Native  
18 American elders address the needs detailed in the White House  
19 conference on aging resolution from Native American delegates  
20 and be funded at the authorized levels; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
22 transmitted to the congressional delegation of New Mexico, the  
23 state agency on aging, the Navajo area agency on aging and the  
24 Indian area agency on aging.

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Yes: 7

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Excused: Chavez

Absent: None

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