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SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 103

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

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A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE SECRETARY OF STATE, THE COUNTY CLERKS AND THE TRIBAL ELECTION OFFICES AND TRIBAL CENSUS OFFICES TO COOPERATE IN VOTER REGISTRATION.

WHEREAS, the New Mexico association of Native American election information programs' main objective is to educate Native Americans in the election process according to the United States constitution and the constitution of New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, the New Mexico association of Native American election information programs is organized to operate for the enhancement, improvement and delivery of the electoral process to Navajo chapters and the Jicarilla, Mescalero and pueblo communities; and

WHEREAS, there are many thousands of Native American men and women who are eligible to vote in New Mexico who should be

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1 registered in compliance with federal, state and county laws;  
2 and

3 WHEREAS, the right to vote is a valuable right, and it is  
4 essential that Native Americans exercise their right to vote and  
5 become educated in the electoral processes of the federal, state  
6 and local governments; and

7 WHEREAS, the state and tribal governments have worked  
8 jointly to enhance and strengthen the government-to-government  
9 relationship between their respective governments;

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
11 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that it request the county clerks of  
12 Sandoval, McKinley, San Juan, Bernalillo, Socorro, Cibola, Santa  
13 Fe, Rio Arriba and Otero counties to network with the secretary  
14 of state, the nineteen pueblo tribes, the Navajo election  
15 administration and the Jicarilla and Mescalero Apache tribes to  
16 augment voter registration and awareness; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the secretary of state, the  
18 county clerks in the aforementioned counties and the tribal  
19 election offices and the tribal census offices cooperate in  
20 voter registration; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the aforementioned parties work  
22 cohesively to maximize voter registration and voter  
23 participation in the election process or as contained in the  
24 mission of the New Mexico association of Native American  
25 election information programs; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the secretary of state for distribution to the appropriate agencies.

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