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A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE ASSISTANCE OF VARIOUS AGENCIES AND ORGANIZATIONS
TO ENGAGE IN A COMPREHENSIVE FEASIBILITY STUDY TO ESTABLISH A
UNIQUE CULTURAL AND REHABILITATIVE FACILITY FOR NATIVE AMERICAN
WOMEN IN THE ALBUQUERQUE AREA.

WHEREAS, there are approximately forty thousand Native
Americans from one hundred forty-five different tribes in the
Albuquerque area of which seventy percent are comprised of
single-parent households;

WHEREAS, of those Native Americans who migrate to the
Albuquerque urban area, most who stay are women;

WHEREAS, statistics reveal that Native Americans
traditionally have the highest suicide rates and the highest
alcoholism and fetal alcohol syndrome rate among ethnic groups;

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1 WHEREAS, there exists a need for a facility in the
2 Albuquerque urban area to assist Native American women to
3 continue their education, seek a career, recovery,
4 rehabilitation or employment while providing a safe place for
5 their children;

6 WHEREAS, the Native American Indian women's center is
7 seeking funds for research and development to attain its vision
8 of providing a safe and healthy environment to strengthen the
9 family unit and promote empowerment of Native American women by
10 promoting and encouraging leadership in the Albuquerque area
11 communities, enhancing the Native American woman's self-esteem
12 through education, building strong family foundations through
13 recovery and rehabilitation and providing an avenue to self-
14 sufficiency by increasing employment opportunities and
15 education; and

16 WHEREAS, various government agencies and organizations have
17 the purpose, responsibility, interest or resources to assist the
18 Native American Indian women's center to accomplish their
19 worthwhile and necessary goals;

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
21 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the state, the city of Albuquerque, the
22 southwestern Indian polytechnic institute, the bureau of Indian
23 affairs, the Indian health services, the all-Indian pueblo
24 council and the Navajo nation be requested to assist the Native
25 American Indian women's center to conduct a comprehensive

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1 feasibility study to establish a unique cultural and
2 rehabilitative facility for Native American women in the
3 Albuquerque area; and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
5 transmitted to the New Mexico office of Indian affairs, the city
6 of Albuquerque, the southwestern Indian polytechnic institute,
7 the bureau of Indian affairs, the Indian health services, the
8 all Indian pueblo council and the council and president of the
9 Navajo nation.

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