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**HOUSE MEMORIAL 19**

**43RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 1998**

**INTRODUCED BY**

**FRED LUNA**

**A MEMORIAL**

**COMMEMORATING THE FOUR-HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST  
GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE ALL INDIAN  
PUEBLO COUNCIL AND NONINDIAN GOVERNMENTAL REPRESENTATIVES.**

**WHEREAS, today the all Indian pueblo council is comprised  
of the pueblos of Acoma, Cochiti, Isleta, Jemez, Laguna,  
Nambe, Picuris, Pojoaque, San Felipe, San Ildefonso, San Juan,  
Sandia, Santa Ana, Santa Clara, Santo Domingo, Taos, Tesuque,  
Zia and Zuni; and**

**WHEREAS, oral histories teach us that the all Indian  
pueblo council existed as long ago as six hundred years before  
Spanish explorers made contact with the ancestors of present-  
day pueblo people; and**

**WHEREAS, recorded history first records the convening of  
the council on July 7, 1598 when the Spaniard Juan de Onate**

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1 met with thirty-eight pueblo leaders of the many pueblos that  
2 comprised the all Indian pueblo council at Khe-wa, later  
3 referred to as the pueblo of Santo Domingo, to request  
4 permission of the leaders of the pueblo nations to settle in  
5 their territories; and

6 WHEREAS, the modern-day operations of the all Indian  
7 pueblo council were set in motion on November 5, 1922 at the  
8 pueblo of Santo Domingo when the council was organized in a  
9 manner recognized by nonpuebloans, with a mission statement  
10 for the council and an elected chairman became the official  
11 spokesman of the pueblos; and

12 WHEREAS, the all Indian pueblo council was at one time  
13 outlawed and declared unauthorized by the Indian service, now  
14 known as the federal bureau of Indian affairs, and repeated  
15 attempts have been made throughout the history of that council  
16 to undermine its strength and importance; and

17 WHEREAS, the sovereign members of the all Indian pueblo  
18 council have continuously recommitted themselves with  
19 devotion, throughout the history of that council, to interact  
20 with one another in a harmonious manner, to encourage and  
21 support one another in times of need and to go forth on common  
22 issues in a unified manner and to pursue a policy of  
23 continuing government-to-government communications with the  
24 state and other nonIndian governments; and

25 WHEREAS, the nineteen pueblo sovereigns further clarified

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1 the authority of the all Indian pueblo council on October 16,  
2 1965 when their governors unanimously approved the all Indian  
3 pueblo council constitution; and

4 WHEREAS, because the pueblo people have followed the  
5 spiritual and traditional teachings of their ancestors, they  
6 have survived a multitude of governmental policies designed to  
7 destroy their traditional religions, lifestyles and  
8 governments; and

9 WHEREAS, the unification policy and actions of the all  
10 Indian pueblo council have also been instrumental in the  
11 protection and preservation of pueblo lives, traditions and  
12 cultures; and

13 WHEREAS, the all Indian pueblo council is a traditional  
14 Indian organization whose heart and soul has been given life  
15 by the pueblo peoples' ancestors through their spiritual  
16 processes; and

17 WHEREAS, July 7, 1998 marks the four-hundredth  
18 anniversary of the all Indian pueblo council since it first  
19 appeared in the journals of those who accompanied Don Juan de  
20 Onate and his group of nonIndian settlers and the four-  
21 hundredth anniversary of the first government-to-government  
22 communications between pueblo leaders and nonIndian government  
23 representatives; and

24 WHEREAS, the celebration and official commemoration of  
25 this four-hundredth anniversary is an important moment in the

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1 history of the pueblo nations, the state of New Mexico, the  
2 United States of America and the world; and

3 WHEREAS, commemoration of the four-hundredth anniversary  
4 of the first government-to-government meeting of the leaders  
5 of the pueblos and leaders of the nonIndian settlers seeking a  
6 home in New Mexico should include an assessment of how  
7 government-to-government interactions can be made more  
8 effective and should establish a process that can be used to  
9 ease tensions and resolve issues that arise between the pueblo  
10 sovereigns and the state; and

11 WHEREAS, the statement of policies and procedures adopted  
12 on July 8, 1996, was a good beginning to reassessment of the  
13 manner in which government-to-government discussions should  
14 proceed, it is clear that many state agencies and some  
15 legislators would be more comfortable if the process to  
16 implement the policies were more clearly defined; and

17 WHEREAS, the history of the all Indian pueblo council in  
18 promoting and pursuing government-to-government interactions  
19 with nonIndian government representatives indicates the  
20 perseverance of the all Indian pueblo council as it has sought  
21 throughout the last four hundred years to maintain and improve  
22 government-to-government interactions between the pueblos and  
23 the state and the all Indian pueblo council encourages  
24 development of a process that the state and tribes of New  
25 Mexico can implement to ensure improved and effective

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1 government-to-government communications in the future;

2 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
3 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the all Indian  
4 pueblo council be recognized and honored on the four-hundredth  
5 anniversary of the first government-to-government meeting  
6 between the leaders of twenty-six pueblo nations and Don Juan  
7 de Onate and his group of settlers; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the house of representatives  
9 acknowledge and honor the consortium of pueblo governments  
10 that existed at least two hundred years prior to the pueblos'  
11 first contacts with Europeans; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the house of representatives  
13 encourage and support the efforts of the all Indian pueblo  
14 council to continue its four-hundred-year tradition of  
15 advocating for the traditions, cultures and governments of the  
16 pueblo nations and participating in government-to-government  
17 discussions with the state; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the house of representatives  
19 encourage the all Indian pueblo council to engage in  
20 government-to-government discussions with other tribes and the  
21 state to develop a process to implement the statement of  
22 principles and policies adopted on July 8, 1996; and

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the governor be requested to  
24 issue a proclamation designating July 7, 1998 as "Government-  
25 to-Government Communications Day"; and

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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
2 transmitted to the governors of the nineteen member pueblos of  
3 the all Indian pueblo council, the chairman of the all Indian  
4 pueblo council, the governor of the state, the New Mexico  
5 state cabinet secretaries, the president of the United States  
6 and the director of the division on indigenous people's rights  
7 at the United Nations.

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11 **Mr. Speaker:**  
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13 **Your RULES AND ORDER OF BUSINESS COMMITTEE, to**  
14 **whom has been referred**  
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19 **has had it under consideration and finds same to be GERMANE**  
20 **in accordance with constitutional provisions.**  
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22 **Respectfully submitted,**  
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R. David Pederson, Chairman

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The roll call vote was 9 For 0 Against

Yes: 9

Excused: Lujan, Nicely, Olguin, Ryan, Sanchez, Williams, S.M

Absent: None

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10 Your GOVERNMENT AND URBAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, to  
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15 has had it under consideration and reports same with  
16 recommendation that it DO PASS.

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22 Lynda M. Lovejoy, Chairman  
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11 Yes: 4

12 Excused: Hobbs, Saavedra, Taylor, J.G.

13 Absent: None

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