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A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING A STUDY OF PROCEDURES FOR AND THE IMPLICATIONS OF  
FORMAL STATE RECOGNITION OF INDIAN NATIONS, TRIBES AND  
PUEBLOS.

WHEREAS, the state has long recognized the importance of  
the Indian nations, tribes and pueblos located within the  
state; and

WHEREAS, the state has created a cabinet-level Indian  
affairs department to address relations between the state and  
Indian nations, tribes and pueblos located within the state;  
and

WHEREAS, since 1895, the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe has had  
approximately one hundred ten thousand acres of its  
reservation lands located within the state; and

WHEREAS, the Ute Mountain Ute tribal lands within the  
state are used for traditional purposes and resource  
development, including grazing and oil and gas extraction;  
and

WHEREAS, many members of the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe live  
and work in the state; and

WHEREAS, the Ute Mountain Ute tribal council passed a  
resolution on July 5, 2005, requesting the state to formally  
recognize the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the state does not currently have a formal

1 method of recognizing any Indian nations, tribes and pueblos  
2 located within the state;

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
4 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the office of the attorney general  
5 and the Indian affairs department be requested to investigate  
6 the potential impact to the state of formal recognition of  
7 Indian nations, tribes and pueblos located within the state  
8 and alternative methods by which the state may formally  
9 recognize Indian nations, tribes and pueblos located within  
10 the state; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the office of the attorney  
12 general and the Indian affairs department be requested to  
13 report their findings and recommendations no later than  
14 October 1, 2007 to the appropriate interim committees of the  
15 legislature; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
17 transmitted to the New Mexico attorney general, the secretary  
18 of Indian affairs, the president of the Navajo Nation, the  
19 president of the Jicarilla Apache Nation, the president of the  
20 Mescalero Apache Tribe, the chair of the Ute Mountain Ute  
21 Tribe, the governors of the nineteen Indian pueblos and the  
22 chair of the all Indian pueblo council. \_\_\_\_\_