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## 48TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2007

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# A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING STATE AGENCIES TO LEND THEIR SUPPORT TO THE FIRST "TOUR OF THE NATIONS" BICYCLE EVENT.

WHEREAS, the Pueblo of Isleta, the Pueblo of Acoma, the Pueblo of Laguna, the Pueblo of Zuni and adventure Gallup and beyond are organizing the first "tour of the nations" bicycle event; and

WHEREAS, the tour of the nations bicycle event will be a five-day recreational and educational bicycle ride that will take its participants through three of New Mexico's pueblos and two national monuments; and

WHEREAS, the participants will experience history as they tour Anasazi ruins, view remaining evidence of Spanish, Mexican and Anglo explorers and stay as guests in three pueblos; and

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different pueblo where they will be treated to a tour, a traditional meal and traditional performances; and

WHEREAS, the tour of the nations will end in Gallup where participants will receive tickets to participate in the eightysixth inter-tribal Indian ceremonial, the longest-standing Native American event in New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, the tour of the nations will expose participants to Native American culture, North American culture and southwest scenery through one of the simplest and most intimate means of travel, the bicycle; and

WHEREAS, the tour of the nations will be an event that will bring more than two hundred bicycle riders and their friends and families to pueblos, national monuments and other attractions along the route of the tour; and

WHEREAS, the participants on the tour and their friends and families will provide an economic boost to the communities along the route of the tour; and

WHEREAS, participants will be riding their bicycles on public roads that will be open to vehicular traffic;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that it request all state agencies to cooperate with the sponsors of the first tour of the nations and help to ensure that the event will be as safe as possible for all participants; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be .166944.1

transmitted to the governor, the secretary of cultural affairs, the secretary of economic development, the secretary of energy, minerals and natural resources, the secretary of environment, the secretary of general services, the secretary of health, the secretary of Indian affairs, the secretary of public safety, the secretary of tourism and the secretary of transportation.

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