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**48TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2007**  
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A JOINT MEMORIAL  
REQUESTING THAT THE GOVERNOR DESIGNATE SEPTEMBER 23, 2007 AS  
"NATIVE PLANT DAY" IN NEW MEXICO.

WHEREAS, the state of New Mexico contains a greater number  
of plant habitats than nearly any other state in the United  
States, from Chihuahuan desert to alpine tundra; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico also supports a larger number of  
native plant species than nearly any other state in the United  
States; and

WHEREAS, some of these species are found nowhere else on  
earth; and

WHEREAS, these native plants support a great variety of  
birds and animals, both native and domestic; and

WHEREAS, the modern way of life inadvertently destroys  
natural habitats and introduces noxious weeds, which in turn

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1 replace native forage, which is the state's natural heritage;  
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3 WHEREAS, in every season, New Mexicans enjoy the beauty  
4 and variety of these native plants, from sunflowers and purple  
5 asters to cacti and exotic yucca plants; and

6 WHEREAS, there is increasing concern that many of these  
7 native plants may be destroyed or eradicated because they are  
8 not well-known;

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
10 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the governor be requested to designate  
11 September 23, 2007 as "Native Plant Day" in New Mexico to  
12 showcase the natural heritage of plants that New Mexico  
13 provides for its residents and visitors; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
15 transmitted to the governor and to the president of the native  
16 plant society of New Mexico.