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HOUSE MEMORIAL 21

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

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A MEMORIAL

EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR CONTINUED FUNDING BEYOND 2008 FOR THE  
SPECIAL DIABETES PROGRAMS FOR NATIVE AMERICANS.

WHEREAS, the special diabetes program for Native Americans funded through the Indian health service is designed to promote improved health care among the Native American community through special diabetes prevention and treatment services projects with objectives and priorities determined at the local level; and

WHEREAS, the special diabetes program for Native Americans funds demonstration projects conducted at sites across the United States targeting Native American communities that are at high risk for developing type 2 diabetes and focusing on lifestyle changes through education and community activities; and

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1           WHEREAS, the authorization for the funding of the Indian  
2 health services special diabetes program for Native Americans  
3 expires in 2008 and will leave a service gap in the Native  
4 American community for primary, secondary and tertiary diabetes  
5 prevention and treatment and related data collection; and

6           WHEREAS, the special diabetes program for Native Americans  
7 has created innovative and culturally appropriate strategies  
8 that address diabetes in Native Americans and has significantly  
9 enhanced diabetes care and education in the Native American  
10 communities in New Mexico; and

11           WHEREAS, the special diabetes program for Native Americans  
12 has improved diabetes surveillance, provided technical  
13 assistance, improved provider networks and built significant  
14 infrastructure where there was none, and basic programs have  
15 become centers of excellence; and

16           WHEREAS, the special diabetes program for Native Americans  
17 has demonstrated innovation and leadership for improved  
18 diabetes care for American Indian programs that provide  
19 assistance to the Native American communities in New Mexico;  
20 and

21           WHEREAS, the special diabetes program for Native Americans  
22 funding formula for grantees is based on user population and  
23 disease burden within New Mexico, and continued funding will  
24 ensure the health and welfare of Native American communities in  
25 New Mexico; and

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1           WHEREAS, diabetes has a higher prevalence among Native  
2 Americans, who represent eight percent of New Mexico's  
3 population;

4           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
5 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that it recognize  
6 the rising number of diagnosed cases of diabetes among the  
7 Native American communities in New Mexico and that continued  
8 need for diabetes prevention and treatment remains; and

9           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it express its support for  
10 continued funding of the special diabetes program for Native  
11 Americans beyond 2008 and support the purposes and practices of  
12 diabetes prevention and treatment within the Native American  
13 communities in New Mexico; and

14          BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it urge congress and the  
15 president of the United States to continue funding of the  
16 special diabetes program for Native Americans beyond 2008; and

17          BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
18 transmitted to the president of the United States, the  
19 president of the Navajo Nation, the speaker of the Navajo  
20 Nation council, the president of the Mescalero Apache Tribe,  
21 the president of the Jicarilla Apache Nation, the governors of  
22 the nineteen Indian pueblos in New Mexico, the members of the  
23 New Mexico congressional delegation, the governor, the  
24 secretary of health and the secretary of Indian affairs.  
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