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HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 28
48TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2008

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A JOINT MEMORIAL
REQUESTING THAT THE GOVERNOR DESIGNATE THE LAST SATURDAY IN
AUGUST 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 the last Saturday in August as "Native Plant Day" in New Mexico
12 to 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.