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SENATE MEMORIAL 92

52ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2015

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE SECRETARY OF TOURISM TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF
THE CREATION OF, AND POSSIBLE FUNDING SOURCES FOR, AN ANNUAL
GALLUP INDIAN MARKET.

WHEREAS, Gallup is located on interstate 40, also
designated as historic route 66, and is a gateway to the
popular four corners region; and

WHEREAS, Gallup is a dynamic town with one hundred
seventeen restaurants, sixty-one hotels, over one hundred
Native American arts businesses and over fifty miles of hiking
and biking trails; and

WHEREAS, Gallup is often called the "Indian capital of the
world" for its location at the heart of Native American lands
and the presence of Navajo, Zuni, Hopi and other tribes; and

WHEREAS, much of the world's Native American art is made

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1 in or near Gallup; and

2 WHEREAS, Gallup offers an astonishing and unparalleled
3 variety of high-quality turquoise, silver jewelry, paintings,
4 pottery, sculpture, rugs and blankets, kachina dolls and other
5 Native American arts and crafts; and

6 WHEREAS, the Navajos are widely regarded for their
7 artistic achievements in wool, with original Navajo rugs and
8 blankets sought by museums and collectors throughout the world;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, the Pueblo of Zuni, the largest of New Mexico's
11 nineteen Indian pueblos, is best known for its intricate
12 turquoise and coral jewelry set in sterling silver; and

13 WHEREAS, other Native American tribes in the area include
14 the Pueblo of Acoma and the Pueblo of Laguna, both widely known
15 for their polychrome pottery, and the Hopi in Arizona, known
16 for pottery and carved kachinas; and

17 WHEREAS, an annual Gallup Indian market would provide an
18 opportunity for local artists to preserve their cultural
19 heritage and for buyers to gain a deeper understanding and
20 appreciation of Native American arts and crafts; and

21 WHEREAS, an annual Gallup Indian market also would provide
22 a means of developing and sustaining economic opportunities for
23 the Indian communities;

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
25 OF NEW MEXICO that the tourism department be requested to study

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1 the feasibility of the creation of an annual Gallup Indian
2 market; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the tourism department be
4 requested to identify possible venues for the location of an
5 annual Gallup Indian market and cost estimates and possible
6 income sources for funding an annual Gallup Indian market; and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the tourism department be
8 requested to prepare a report and present findings and
9 recommendations to the appropriate interim legislative
10 committee by November 1, 2015; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
12 transmitted to the secretary of tourism, the mayor of Gallup
13 and the director of the greater Gallup economic development
14 corporation.