

1 SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 19

2 **53RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2017**

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10 A JOINT MEMORIAL

11 ENDORSING THE NAMING OF A UNITED STATES NAVAL SUBMARINE AS THE  
12 USS *LOS ALAMOS*.

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14 WHEREAS, a citizen-based initiative has requested that the  
15 United States secretary of the navy designate a future nuclear-  
16 powered submarine as the USS *Los Alamos*; and

17 WHEREAS, it is right and fitting that the secretary of the  
18 navy should consider this request, given the unique  
19 contributions of the residents of Los Alamos and northern New  
20 Mexico to this nation and the United States navy since 1943;  
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22 WHEREAS, Los Alamos has partnered with the United States  
23 navy on projects of mutual interest, concern and national  
24 security; and

25 WHEREAS, Los Alamos residents and northern New Mexicans

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1 have provided the scientific, engineering and technical  
2 expertise that has driven Los Alamos national laboratory since  
3 its inception; and

4 WHEREAS, many key participants of the Manhattan project  
5 and subsequent programs were and are members of the United  
6 States navy; and

7 WHEREAS, the understanding of nuclear energy in Los Alamos  
8 during the Manhattan project facilitated the development of the  
9 United States navy's nuclear propulsion systems used throughout  
10 the navy's fleet today; and

11 WHEREAS, naming a nuclear-powered submarine the USS *Los*  
12 *Alamos* is a fitting tribute to the men and women who served  
13 during the Manhattan project in World War Two and to all who  
14 have offered service in the nation's interest since the war;  
15 and

16 WHEREAS, the navy league of New Mexico supports the effort  
17 to name a United States navy submarine the USS *Los Alamos*; and

18 WHEREAS, the council of the incorporated county of Los  
19 Alamos has endorsed the naming of a future United States navy  
20 nuclear-powered submarine the USS *Los Alamos*; and

21 WHEREAS, the timing is opportune to honor the  
22 contributions of Los Alamos to the navy with the naming of a  
23 nuclear-powered submarine the USS *Los Alamos*; and

24 WHEREAS, in November 2015, federal legislation passed to  
25 establish the Manhattan project national historical park as the

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latest addition to the national park service; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, Los Alamos national laboratory will  
celebrate its seventy-fifth anniversary;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the initiative to name a future United  
States navy nuclear-powered submarine the USS *Los Alamos* be  
endorsed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be  
transmitted to the United States secretary of the navy.