

1 A MEMORIAL

2 DECLARING FEBRUARY 1, 2019 "AMERICAN INDIAN DAY" IN THE  
3 SENATE.

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5 WHEREAS, New Mexico is home to twenty-three sovereign  
6 Native American nations, tribes and pueblos, whose people are  
7 citizens of both New Mexico and their sovereign nations,  
8 tribes and pueblos; and

9 WHEREAS, decades ago, the state of New Mexico in its  
10 wisdom set apart a day each year, to be known as "American  
11 Indian Day", in recognition of the many contributions of  
12 Native Americans to the economic and cultural heritage of all  
13 the citizens of the United States; and

14 WHEREAS, the legislature takes great care to recognize  
15 and support the immeasurable contributions that  
16 Native American people have made to make New Mexico great;  
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18 WHEREAS, contemporary life in New Mexico is deeply  
19 enriched by cultural, artistic, economic, social, religious  
20 and political aspects of its Native American people and  
21 communities; and

22 WHEREAS, Native Americans are the original inhabitants  
23 of this state and have overcome great devastation and  
24 misfortune; and

25 WHEREAS, the experiences of Native Americans in

1 New Mexico provide substantial enrichment to the state and  
2 are worthy of great esteem;

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE  
4 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 1, 2019 be declared  
5 "American Indian Day" in the senate; and

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
7 transmitted to the secretary of Indian affairs and the  
8 governor of New Mexico. \_\_\_\_\_

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