

1 A MEMORIAL

2 DECLARING FEBRUARY 7, 2020 "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 Native
16 American people have made to make New Mexico great; and

17 WHEREAS, contemporary life in New Mexico is deeply
18 enriched by cultural, artistic, economic, social, religious
19 and political aspects of its Native American people and
20 communities; and

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

24 WHEREAS, the experiences of Native Americans in
25 New Mexico provide substantial enrichment to the state and

1 are worthy of great esteem;

2 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
3 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 7, 2020 be declared
4 "American Indian Day" in the senate; and

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial
6 be transmitted to the governor and the secretary of Indian
7 affairs. _____

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