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A MEMORIAL

DECLARING FEBRUARY 2, 2024 "AMERICAN INDIAN DAY" IN THE HOUSE
OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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

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

WHEREAS, the legislature takes great care to recognize and
support the immeasurable contributions that Native American
people have made to make New Mexico great; and

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1   WHEREAS, contemporary life in New Mexico is deeply
2 enriched by the cultural, artistic, economic, social, religious
3 and political aspects of its Native American people and
4 communities; and

5   WHEREAS, Native Americans are the original inhabitants of
6 this state and have overcome great devastation and misfortune;
7 and

8   WHEREAS, the experiences of Native Americans in New Mexico
9 provide substantial enrichment to the state and are worthy of
10 great esteem;

11   NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
12 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 2,
13 2024 be declared "American Indian Day" in the house of
14 representatives; and

15   BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
16 transmitted to the governor and the secretary of Indian
17 affairs.

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