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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 1/19/06

SPONSOR Martinez LAST UPDATED HB

SHORT TITLE GOVERNOR JOE GARCIA, CONGRATS SB SJM 1

ANALYST Weber

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY06	FY07		
NFI			

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act
Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Indian Affairs Department (IAD)

SUMMARY

Senate Joint Memorial 1 (SJM1) congratulates Mr. Joe Garcia, Governor of Ohkay Owingeh Pueblo (formerly San Juan Pueblo) for his election as the president of the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI).

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

None

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The following was contributed by the Indian Affairs Department:

On November 3, 2005, Governor Garcia was elected president of NCAI at the 62nd annual convention in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He won the election by a huge margin, receiving 60 percent of the votes. Governor Garcia is the second pueblo leader from New Mexico to win the office since NCAI's inception in 1944. The first was Mr. John Gonzales, a former governor for San Ildefonso Pueblo.

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Governor Garcia received overwhelming support from New Mexico's twenty-two Indian Tribes, Nations and Pueblos in his bid for president of NCAI. Governor Richardson has also publicly congratulated Governor Joe Garcia on his election.

The National Congress of American Indians is the oldest, largest, and most representative American Indian and Alaska Native organization in the country. NCAI advocates on behalf of more than 250 tribal governments, promoting strong tribal-federal government-to-government policies, and promoting a better understanding among the general public regarding American Indian and Alaska Native governments, people and rights. A majority of New Mexico's Indian Tribes, Nations and Pueblos are members of NCAI.

Governor Garcia has served as NCAI first Vice-President since 2003, two terms as Ohkay Owingeh's Lieutenant Governor, and two terms as Governor. A community advocate, Garcia serves as a school board chairman and is President of TSAY, a tribally owned business, located in New Mexico.

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