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A MEMORIAL

EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR CONTINUED FUNDING BEYOND 2008 FOR THE  
SPECIAL DIABETES PROGRAMS FOR NATIVE AMERICANS.

WHEREAS, the special diabetes program for Native  
Americans funded through the Indian health service is  
designed to promote improved health care among the Native  
American community through special diabetes prevention and  
treatment services projects with objectives and priorities  
determined at the local level; and

WHEREAS, the special diabetes program for Native  
Americans funds demonstration projects conducted at sites  
across the United States targeting Native American  
communities that are at high risk for developing type 2  
diabetes and focusing on lifestyle changes through education  
and community activities; and

WHEREAS, the authorization for the funding of the Indian  
health services special diabetes program for Native Americans  
expires in 2008 and will leave a service gap in the Native  
American community for primary, secondary and tertiary  
diabetes prevention and treatment and related data  
collection; and

WHEREAS, the special diabetes program for Native  
Americans has created innovative and culturally appropriate  
strategies that address diabetes in Native Americans and has

1 significantly enhanced diabetes care and education in the  
2 Native American communities in New Mexico; and

3 WHEREAS, the special diabetes program for Native  
4 Americans has improved diabetes surveillance, provided  
5 technical assistance, improved provider networks and built  
6 significant infrastructure where there was none, and basic  
7 programs have become centers of excellence; and

8 WHEREAS, the special diabetes program for Native  
9 Americans has demonstrated innovation and leadership for  
10 improved diabetes care for American Indian programs that  
11 provide assistance to the Native American communities in New  
12 Mexico; and

13 WHEREAS, the special diabetes program for Native  
14 Americans funding formula for grantees is based on user  
15 population and disease burden within New Mexico, and  
16 continued funding will ensure the health and welfare of  
17 Native American communities in New Mexico; and

18 WHEREAS, diabetes has a higher prevalence among Native  
19 Americans, who represent eight percent of New Mexico's  
20 population;

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE  
22 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that it recognize the rising number of  
23 diagnosed cases of diabetes among the Native American  
24 communities in New Mexico and that continued need for  
25 diabetes prevention and treatment remains; and

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it express its support for  
2 continued funding of the special diabetes program for Native  
3 Americans beyond 2008 and support the purposes and practices  
4 of diabetes prevention and treatment within the Native  
5 American communities in New Mexico; and

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it urge congress and the  
7 president of the United States to continue funding of the  
8 special diabetes program for Native Americans beyond 2008;  
9 and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
11 transmitted to the president of the United States, the  
12 president of the Navajo Nation, the speaker of the Navajo  
13 Nation council, the president of the Mescalero Apache Tribe,  
14 the president of the Jicarilla Apache Nation, the governors of  
15 the nineteen Indian pueblos in New Mexico, the members of the  
16 New Mexico congressional delegation, the governor, the  
17 secretary of health and the secretary of Indian affairs. \_\_\_\_\_

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