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HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 1

**48TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2008**

INTRODUCED BY

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FOR THE INDIAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING STATE AGENCIES TO LEND THEIR SUPPORT TO THE "TOUR OF THE NATIONS" BICYCLE EVENT.

WHEREAS, the Pueblo of Isleta, the Pueblo of Acoma, the Pueblo of Laguna, the Pueblo of Zuni, the Inter-tribal Indian Ceremonial and Adventure Gallup and Beyond are organizing the second "Tour of the Nations" bicycle event; and

WHEREAS, the Tour of the Nations bicycle event will be a five-day recreational and educational bicycle ride that will take its participants through three of New Mexico's pueblos and two national monuments; and

WHEREAS, the participants will experience history as they tour Anasazi ruins, view remaining evidence of Spanish, Mexican and Anglo explorers and stay as guests in three pueblos; and

WHEREAS, the participants will spend each night at a

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1 different pueblo where they will be treated to a tour, a  
2 traditional meal and traditional performances; and

3 WHEREAS, the Tour of the Nations will end in Gallup where  
4 participants will receive tickets to participate in the eighty-  
5 seventh Inter-tribal Indian Ceremonial, the longest-standing  
6 Native American event in New Mexico; and

7 WHEREAS, the Tour of the Nations will expose participants  
8 to Native American culture, North American culture and  
9 southwest scenery through one of the simplest and most intimate  
10 means of travel, the bicycle; and

11 WHEREAS, the Tour of the Nations will be an event that  
12 will bring more than two hundred bicycle riders and their  
13 friends and families to pueblos, national monuments and other  
14 attractions along the route of the tour; and

15 WHEREAS, the participants on the tour and their friends  
16 and families will provide an economic boost to the communities  
17 along the route of the tour; and

18 WHEREAS, participants will be riding their bicycles on  
19 public roads that will be open to vehicular traffic;

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
21 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that it request all state agencies to  
22 cooperate with the sponsors of the second Tour of the Nations  
23 and help to ensure that the event will be as safe as possible  
24 for all participants; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be

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2 the secretary of economic development, the secretary of energy,  
3 minerals and natural resources, the secretary of environment,  
4 the secretary of general services, the secretary of health, the  
5 secretary of Indian affairs, the secretary of public safety,  
6 the secretary of tourism and the secretary of transportation.

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