

1 SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 39

2 **48TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2008**

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10 A JOINT MEMORIAL

11 RECOGNIZING THE SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NEW MEXICO
12 STATE PARKS SYSTEM AND REQUESTING THAT THE GOVERNOR PROCLAIM
13 AUGUST 31, 2008 AS "STATE PARKS DAY" IN RECOGNITION OF THE
14 DIAMOND JUBILEE OF THE NEW MEXICO STATE PARKS SYSTEM.

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16 WHEREAS, the New Mexico State Parks System was formally
17 established on August 31, 1933, when Governor Arthur Seligman
18 appointed the first State Park Commission, making New Mexico
19 eligible for federal funds through the New Deal and the
20 Emergency Conservation Work Act; and

21 WHEREAS, with construction assistance from the Civilian
22 Conservation Corps, the first four state parks, Santa Fe River-
23 Hyde Memorial State Park, La Joya State Park, Bottomless Lakes
24 State Park and Eastern New Mexico State Park, were established
25 in 1933; and

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1 WHEREAS, from this humble beginning, the New Mexico State
2 Parks System has evolved to include thirty-four parks that
3 serve over four million visitors annually; and

4 WHEREAS, New Mexico's state parks protect the
5 irreplaceable natural and cultural heritage of New Mexico for
6 present and future generations; and

7 WHEREAS, New Mexico's state parks offer premier locations
8 for recreational activities for the enjoyment of all citizens
9 of the state and visitors to the state; and

10 WHEREAS, New Mexico's state parks provide outstanding
11 opportunities for learning and education, they enhance quality
12 of life and they supply unique backdrops that help to reinforce
13 family connections and reconnect people with nature and
14 culture; and

15 WHEREAS, New Mexico's state parks are a key element in the
16 economy of the state for both urban and rural communities; and

17 WHEREAS, on August 31, 2008, the New Mexico State Parks
18 System will celebrate its seventy-fifth anniversary;

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
20 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that this anniversary be recognized as a
21 milestone that reflects the longstanding commitment of the
22 state of New Mexico to protect its heritage and provide
23 opportunities for high-quality outdoor recreation; and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that past and present employees of
25 the New Mexico State Parks System be commended for their

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1 dedication and accomplishments in building one of the finest
2 state parks systems in the United States; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the governor be requested to
4 designate August 31, 2008 as "State Parks Day" in recognition
5 of the Diamond Jubilee of the New Mexico State Parks System;
6 and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Diamond Jubilee of the New
8 Mexico State Parks System be properly observed throughout 2008;
9 and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
11 transmitted to the governor, the secretary of energy, minerals
12 and natural resources, the director of the State Parks Division
13 of the Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department and to
14 the chair of the State Parks Advisory Board.