

1 A MEMORIAL

2 REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO DESIGNATE THE THIRD FULL WEEK IN
3 AUGUST AS "INDIAN ARTS AND CULTURE WEEK".

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5 WHEREAS, Native American arts and culture are foundation
6 stones of New Mexico's identity and a primary draw for
7 visitors to witness the beauty, depth and pageantry of the
8 state's first residents; and

9 WHEREAS, since 1922, Santa Fe Indian market has served
10 as a showcase for the best of Native American arts and crafts
11 and is New Mexico's largest annual cultural event; and

12 WHEREAS, an Indian arts and culture week would offer
13 enhanced opportunities for education, civic participation and
14 partnership between local arts and cultural organizations,
15 deepening regional cultural experiences for New Mexico
16 residents and visitors to New Mexico; and

17 WHEREAS, the designation of the third full week in
18 August as "Indian Arts and Culture Week" would acknowledge
19 the contributions of Native Americans to New Mexico as well
20 as the continuing importance of Native American heritage to
21 the cultural vitality of New Mexico; and

22 WHEREAS, enlivening Santa Fe's annual Indian market
23 through state acknowledgment will exponentially increase the
24 economic, educational and artistic potential of the event and
25 assist the state to sustain, cultivate and grow its annual

1 visitor base; and

2 WHEREAS, the designation of the full week before Santa
3 Fe Indian market as "Indian Arts and Culture Week" will help
4 establish Santa Fe Indian market as one of the crown jewels
5 of New Mexico tourism;

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
7 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the governor be requested to
8 proclaim the third full week of August as "Indian Arts and
9 Culture Week"; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
11 transmitted to the governor, the secretary of cultural
12 affairs, the secretary of Indian affairs and the secretary of
13 tourism.

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