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SENATE MEMORIAL 4

**49TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2009**

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE INDIAN AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO EVALUATE THE POSITIVE HEALTH OUTCOMES OF THE NATIVE AMERICAN SOCCER PROGRAM AND THE ANNUAL INDIGENOUS SOCCER CUP ORGANIZED BY SOUTHWEST YOUTH SERVICES, INCORPORATED.

WHEREAS, Southwest Youth Services, Incorporated, was selected by the executive council of the World Indigenous Games Society to serve as the organizer of Native American United States soccer teams to represent the United States in the 2012 inaugural World Indigenous Games in Manitoba, Canada; and

WHEREAS, Southwest Youth Services, Incorporated, maintains a year-round Native American soccer program and facilitates the annual Indigenous Soccer Cup, a weeklong international soccer tournament with community development and training for Native American youth; and

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1           WHEREAS, the Native American soccer program is year-round  
2 and community-based, with programming support from AmeriCorps  
3 and the AmeriCorps Vista program, and provides culturally based  
4 positive youth development training and risk prevention  
5 programs for Native American youth across New Mexico; and

6           WHEREAS, over two hundred fifty athletes representing  
7 thirty-four North American tribes participate in the annual  
8 Indigenous Soccer Cup and in the related college and university  
9 preparation, soccer skills and leadership skills workshops; and

10           WHEREAS, more than one thousand two hundred fifty New  
11 Mexicans from four years of age to twenty-four years of age,  
12 representing thirty-one communities of New Mexico, participate  
13 in the Native American soccer program organized by Southwest  
14 Youth Services, Incorporated; and

15           WHEREAS, the Native American soccer program and the annual  
16 Indigenous Soccer Cup organized by Southwest Youth Services,  
17 Incorporated, provide positive youth development training in  
18 teen suicide prevention, teen pregnancy prevention, cultural  
19 pride and sharing, youth resiliency, health, nutrition and  
20 educational and career preparation; and

21           WHEREAS, the annual Indigenous Soccer Cup is held in New  
22 Mexico, and the Third Annual Indigenous Soccer Cup will be  
23 hosted by New Mexico state university, with partial financial  
24 support from the Indian affairs department, the office of  
25 school and adolescent health of the department of health, the

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1 tourism department, the New Mexico sports authority and  
2 numerous Indian pueblos in New Mexico; and

3 WHEREAS, the Native American soccer program and the annual  
4 Indigenous Soccer Cup organized by Southwest Youth Services,  
5 Incorporated, provide leverage for state financial support with  
6 monetary donations from private foundations, corporations and  
7 associations to achieve strategic plan outcome goals for  
8 multiple agencies; and

9 WHEREAS, the Native American soccer program and the annual  
10 Indigenous Soccer Cup organized by Southwest Youth Services,  
11 Incorporated, provide preventative health education for Native  
12 American youth; deliver preventative health services to Native  
13 Americans; form creative and durable partnerships across state,  
14 tribal, federal, nonprofit, philanthropic, educational and  
15 private sectors; promote youth behaviors that optimize well-  
16 being and contribute to healthy lifestyles; increase the  
17 confidence and well-being of youth; and create a positive  
18 influence to fight against the risks threatening youth;

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE  
20 OF NEW MEXICO that the Indian affairs department be requested  
21 to evaluate the cost-effectiveness and the health outcomes of  
22 the Native American soccer program and the annual Indigenous  
23 Soccer Cup organized by Southwest Youth Services, Incorporated;  
24 and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department of health and

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1 Southwest Youth Services, Incorporated, provide any assistance  
2 requested by the Indian affairs department; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Indian affairs department  
4 report the results of its evaluation to the interim Indian  
5 affairs committee by November 2009; and

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
7 transmitted to the Indian affairs department, the department of  
8 health and Southwest Youth Services, Incorporated.

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