

1 A MEMORIAL

2 REQUESTING THE SECRETARY OF TOURISM TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY
3 OF THE CREATION OF, AND POSSIBLE FUNDING SOURCES FOR, AN
4 ANNUAL GALLUP INDIAN MARKET.

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6 WHEREAS, Gallup is located on interstate 40, also
7 designated as historic route 66, and is a gateway to the
8 popular four corners region; and

9 WHEREAS, Gallup is a dynamic town with one hundred
10 seventeen restaurants, sixty-one hotels, over one hundred
11 Native American arts businesses and over fifty miles of
12 hiking and biking trails; and

13 WHEREAS, Gallup is often called the "Indian capital of
14 the world" for its location at the heart of Native American
15 lands and the presence of Navajo, Zuni, Hopi and other
16 tribes; and

17 WHEREAS, much of the world's Native American art is made
18 in or near Gallup; and

19 WHEREAS, Gallup offers an astonishing and unparalleled
20 variety of high-quality turquoise, silver jewelry, paintings,
21 pottery, sculpture, rugs and blankets, kachina dolls and
22 other Native American arts and crafts; and

23 WHEREAS, the Navajos are widely regarded for their
24 artistic achievements in wool, with original Navajo rugs and
25 blankets sought by museums and collectors throughout the

1 world; and

2 WHEREAS, the Pueblo of Zuni, the largest of New Mexico's
3 nineteen Indian pueblos, is best known for its intricate
4 turquoise and coral jewelry set in sterling silver; and

5 WHEREAS, other Native American tribes in the area
6 include the Pueblo of Acoma and the Pueblo of Laguna, both
7 widely known for their polychrome pottery, and the Hopi in
8 Arizona, known for pottery and carved kachinas; and

9 WHEREAS, an annual Gallup Indian market would provide an
10 opportunity for local artists to preserve their cultural
11 heritage and for buyers to gain a deeper understanding and
12 appreciation of Native American arts and crafts; and

13 WHEREAS, an annual Gallup Indian market also would
14 provide a means of developing and sustaining economic
15 opportunities for the Indian communities;

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
17 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the tourism department be requested
18 to study the feasibility of the creation of an annual Gallup
19 Indian market; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the tourism department be
21 requested to identify possible venues for the location of an
22 annual Gallup Indian market and cost estimates and possible
23 income sources for funding an annual Gallup Indian market;
24 and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the tourism department be

1 requested to prepare a report and present findings and
2 recommendations to the appropriate interim legislative
3 committee by November 1, 2015; and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
5 transmitted to the secretary of tourism, the mayor of Gallup
6 and the director of the greater Gallup economic development
7 corporation. _____

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