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SENATE MEMORIAL 49

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A MEMORIAL

DECLARING FEBRUARY 7, 2020 "AMERICAN INDIAN DAY" IN THE SENATE.

WHEREAS, New Mexico is home to twenty-three sovereign Native American nations, tribes and pueblos, whose people are citizens of both New Mexico and their sovereign nations, tribes and pueblos; and

WHEREAS, decades ago, the state of New Mexico in its wisdom set apart a day each year, to be known as "American Indian Day", in recognition of the many contributions of Native Americans to the economic and cultural heritage of all the citizens of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the legislature takes great care to recognize and support the immeasurable contributions that Native American people have made to make New Mexico great; and

WHEREAS, contemporary life in New Mexico is deeply

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1 enriched by cultural, artistic, economic, social, religious and
2 political aspects of its Native American people and
3 communities; and

4 WHEREAS, Native Americans are the original inhabitants of
5 this state and have overcome great devastation and misfortune;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, the experiences of Native Americans in New Mexico
8 provide substantial enrichment to the state and are worthy of
9 great esteem;

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
11 OF NEW MEXICO that February 7, 2020 be declared "American
12 Indian Day" in the senate; and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
14 transmitted to the governor and the secretary of Indian
15 affairs.