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A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO APPOINT A NATIVE AMERICAN AS A MEMBER  
OF THE STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION.

WHEREAS, Edward T. Begay, a Navajo from Gallup, has been a  
member of the state highway commission for the past six years;  
and

WHEREAS, he was preceded by Edward O. Plummer, another  
Navajo commissioner; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico spends a significant amount of its  
highway transportation budget on tribal and pueblo highway  
routes; and

WHEREAS, the governor has committed his administration to a  
government-to-government relationship with the sovereign Native  
American citizens of the state of New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, the governor has made significant commitments to

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1 support in law and with financial investments Native American  
2 governments' economic development; and

3 WHEREAS, highway and transportation infrastructure is one  
4 of the most important economic investments made in a large,  
5 rural state like New Mexico; and

6 WHEREAS, it is crucial that members of the state highway  
7 commission reflect the geographic and cultural diversity of the  
8 state;

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
10 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the governor be requested to appoint a  
11 Native American as a member of the state highway commission; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be  
13 transmitted to the governor.

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