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1 A MEMORIAL

2 REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO CREATE A TASK FORCE TO IDENTIFY MET  
3 AND UNMET NEEDS OF THE URBAN NATIVE AMERICANS OF SANTA FE  
4 COUNTY AND TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS.

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6 WHEREAS, the state of New Mexico is committed to  
7 providing access to state services for its residents; and

8 WHEREAS, more than sixty-five percent of Native  
9 Americans live in urban areas; and

10 WHEREAS, the United States census estimated that in  
11 2013, there were six thousand sixty-five American Indians and  
12 Alaska Natives residing in Santa Fe county; and

13 WHEREAS, Santa Fe county does not yet have a physical  
14 urban Native American center to provide outreach and one-stop  
15 access to state services for Native Americans; and

16 WHEREAS, there is no central agency in Santa Fe county  
17 to provide a Native American person or family information on,  
18 assistance with or referral to state services or to offer  
19 engagement in social and cultural activities with other Native  
20 American residents of the area; and

21 WHEREAS, since 2008, Native Americans residing within  
22 Santa Fe county have been advocating an effort to identify the  
23 needs of Native Americans in Santa Fe county and to begin to  
24 address urgent issues facing Native Americans in Santa Fe  
25 county; and

1           WHEREAS, multiple state services are not efficiently  
2 reaching the Native American population of Santa Fe county;  
3 and

4           WHEREAS, Santa Fe county has a Native American  
5 middle/high school, a national Native American arts college,  
6 the Santa Fe Indian hospital, several museums featuring Native  
7 American arts and culture, numerous galleries and shops  
8 selling Native American art and the largest Indian market in  
9 the country, all of which draw mobile populations of Native  
10 Americans that are difficult to identify, count and serve; and

11           WHEREAS, there is a need to understand the demographics  
12 of the Native American population of Santa Fe county,  
13 including the number of Native Americans residing in or  
14 commuting into Santa Fe county, their tribal affiliations,  
15 ages and economic status and the types of services needed; and

16           WHEREAS, seventy-nine percent of the Native American  
17 students in Santa Fe public schools are currently on free or  
18 reduced-fee lunch status; and

19           WHEREAS, the demand for emergency assistance to Native  
20 American individuals and families in need in Santa Fe county  
21 is beyond the current capacity of volunteers; and

22           WHEREAS, the Santa Fe Indian Center works  
23 collaboratively with the city of Santa Fe, the Pueblo of  
24 Tesuque, Wings of America, Americans for Indian Opportunity,  
25 the Native Fund and many other organizations; and

1           WHEREAS, the state of New Mexico is operating without a  
2 clear understanding of the need and degree of services  
3 required by the Native American population of Santa Fe county;

4           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
5 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the governor  
6 be requested to form a task force for the purpose of  
7 collecting data detailing the met and unmet needs of Native  
8 Americans residing in Santa Fe county, which data should:

9           A. detail how many Native Americans in Santa Fe  
10 county are served by state services and how they are served,  
11 each state entity served and how they are served;

12           B. document the demographics of Native Americans  
13 in Santa Fe county; and

14           C. compare the number of Native Americans served  
15 by state services with the number of Native Americans needing  
16 state services; and

17           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the data collected by the  
18 task force be used to make recommendations for the increased  
19 efficiency of services to the urban Indians of Santa Fe  
20 county; and

21           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Indian affairs  
22 department oversee the collection of data and identify  
23 services provided by the state of New Mexico to Native  
24 Americans residing in or commuting into Santa Fe county using  
25 the tribal liaison created pursuant to the State-Tribal

1 Collaboration Act as the task force, and formulate  
2 recommendations for how the state can more efficiently meet  
3 the unmet needs of Native Americans residing in and commuting  
4 into Santa Fe county; and

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Indian affairs  
6 department call on outside groups such as the Santa Fe Indian  
7 center, the Pueblo of Tesuque, the federal Indian health  
8 service and other local, state and national Native American or  
9 non-Native American Indian organizations to assist in  
10 gathering data, identifying resources and unmet needs, and  
11 assist with formulating recommendations for more efficiently  
12 meeting unmet needs; and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Indian affairs  
14 department report to the appropriate interim legislative  
15 committees by September 30, 2015 its conclusions from the  
16 collected data and its recommendations for how the state can  
17 better meet the identified unmet needs of native Americans  
18 residing in and commuting into Santa Fe county; and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
20 transmitted to the governor and the secretary of Indian  
21 affairs.



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