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1 A MEMORIAL

2 DECLARING FEBRUARY 3, 2012 "TRIBAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT FUND
3 DAY" IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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5 WHEREAS, many of New Mexico's tribal communities
6 continue to lack basic infrastructure, including water and
7 wastewater systems, roads, health care facilities and
8 electrical service; and

9 WHEREAS, the lack of such infrastructure directly
10 results in health, economic, educational and other social
11 disparities in tribal communities in New Mexico; and

12 WHEREAS, despite this significant need, New Mexico's
13 tribal communities have historically received only a small
14 share of the state's capital outlay resources; and

15 WHEREAS, in 2005, the state recognized the critical need
16 for tribal infrastructure in New Mexico by creating the tribal
17 infrastructure project fund and also recognized the need for
18 consistent and adequate financial resources for infrastructure
19 development for tribal communities by creating the tribal
20 infrastructure trust fund; and

21 WHEREAS, the relatively small amount of capital funding
22 of two million dollars (\$2,000,000) to four million dollars
23 (\$4,000,000) per year dedicated to the tribal infrastructure
24 project fund has leveraged over seventy-seven million dollars
25 (\$77,000,000) in non-state funds in the past five years; and

1 WHEREAS, in 2010, the legislature passed House Bill 162,
2 which ensured that state funding be used effectively and
3 efficiently to address the significant need for critical and
4 basic infrastructure in tribal communities and appropriated
5 five percent of the annual senior severance tax bonding
6 capacity to the tribal infrastructure project fund; and

7 WHEREAS, approximately forty-seven percent of all
8 construction projects funded by the tribal infrastructure
9 project fund are for water and wastewater projects; and

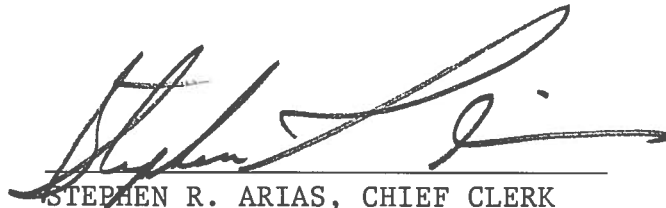
10 WHEREAS, approximately one billion three hundred sixty
11 million dollars (\$1,360,000,000) is still needed in tribal
12 communities to address critical and basic infrastructure needs
13 that most New Mexicans take for granted; and

14 WHEREAS, the recurring appropriation of five percent
15 from the annual senior severance tax bonding capacity to the
16 tribal infrastructure project fund allows a comprehensive
17 strategy to address the daunting tribal infrastructure needs
18 in tribal communities in New Mexico and results in increased
19 leveraging of millions of dollars of non-state funds;

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
21 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 3,
22 2012 be declared "Tribal Infrastructure Project Fund Day" in
23 the house of representatives.



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