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Introduced by

SENATOR GEORGE K. MUÑOZ



1 A MEMORIAL

2 RECOGNIZING THE GALLUP INTER-TRIBAL INDIAN CEREMONIAL'S  
3 LONG-STANDING AND SIGNIFICANT PROMOTION OF NATIVE AMERICAN  
4 COMMUNITY, PRIDE, TRADITION, TALENT, CULTURE AND ART.  
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6 WHEREAS, the Gallup inter-tribal Indian ceremonial is a  
7 five-day event held each August to celebrate Native American  
8 heritage and exhibit the cultures, dances, traditions, foods,  
9 artistic talents and athletic abilities of Native Americans;  
10 and

11 WHEREAS, the Gallup inter-tribal Indian ceremonial  
12 started in 1922, when members of the Navajo Nation, the  
13 Pueblo of Zuni and other pueblos marched through downtown  
14 Gallup in ceremonial celebration; and

15 WHEREAS, the Gallup inter-tribal Indian ceremonial  
16 continues to feature parades, including a ceremonial parade  
17 that pays tribute to the Navajo Long Walk, in which thousands  
18 of Navajo men, women and children during the mid-1800s were  
19 forced to relocate, by foot, from their ancestral lands in  
20 what is now eastern Arizona and western New Mexico to Fort  
21 Sumner in eastern New Mexico; and

22 WHEREAS, the Gallup inter-tribal Indian ceremonial  
23 presents an opportunity for numerous tribes from the United  
24 States and Mexico, including Navajo, Apache, Choctaw, Zuni,  
25 Hopi, Comanche, Aztec and Totonac peoples, among others, to

1 participate together in festivities and to celebrate their  
2 cultures; and

3 WHEREAS, the Gallup inter-tribal Indian ceremonial is  
4 singular in bringing together so many different Native  
5 American cultures that share their dances and traditions at  
6 one event; and

7 WHEREAS, Gallup inter-tribal Indian ceremonial  
8 participants include Native American dancers, musicians,  
9 royalty and horseback riders; and

10 WHEREAS, Gallup inter-tribal Indian ceremonial  
11 participants have also included Navajo code talkers who  
12 fought for the United States in World War II; and

13 WHEREAS, the Gallup inter-tribal Indian ceremonial  
14 features a rodeo and a three-day competition in which  
15 Native American women residing within a three-hundred-mile  
16 radius of Gallup compete for the title of "Miss Gallup  
17 Inter-Tribal Indian Ceremonial"; and

18 WHEREAS, the Gallup inter-tribal Indian ceremonial  
19 dances are breathtaking displays of color, spirit and talent  
20 and are performed at the dramatically beautiful Red Rocks  
21 amphitheater; and

22 WHEREAS, the indoor-outdoor marketplace at the Gallup  
23 inter-tribal Indian ceremonial exhibits some of the finest  
24 traditional and contemporary art by Native American artisans;  
25 and

1           WHEREAS, the Gallup inter-tribal Indian ceremonial is  
2 recognized worldwide as an important tradition and attended  
3 by people from many regions of the world; and

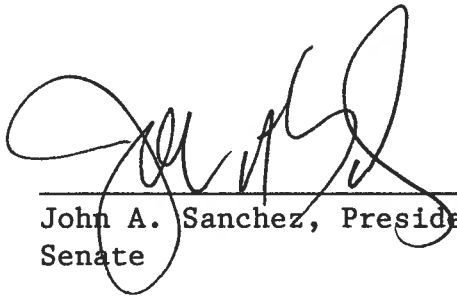
4           WHEREAS, the people of Gallup, New Mexico, are proud to  
5 present the Gallup inter-tribal Indian ceremonial each year;

6           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE  
7 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the Gallup inter-tribal Indian  
8 ceremonial be recognized for its contributions to Native  
9 American community, pride, tradition, talent, culture and  
10 art; and

11           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
12 transmitted to the director of the Gallup inter-tribal Indian  
13 ceremonial and the mayor of Gallup. \_\_\_\_\_

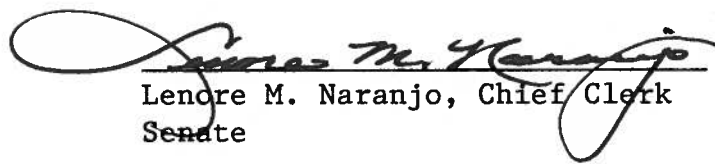
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