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HOUSE MEMORIAL 78

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THAT THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
THE DEPARTMENT OF GAME AND FISH AND THE DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENT COLLABORATE TO AMEND THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT
OF AGRICULTURE RULES TO ALLOW DONATIONS TO THE NEEDY OF MEAT
THAT IS NOT INSPECTED BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF
AGRICULTURE.

WHEREAS, emergency shelters, homeless shelters and food
banks provide much-needed sustenance to needy individuals and
families; and

WHEREAS, many emergency shelters, homeless shelters and
food banks in New Mexico function purely based on the donations
they receive; and

WHEREAS, it is not uncommon for individuals to donate meat
from the slaughter of their own livestock or from wild game;

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1 and

2 WHEREAS, United States department of agriculture food
3 safety inspection service regulations prohibit the donation of
4 meat that has not been inspected by the United States
5 department of agriculture; and

6 WHEREAS, game management agencies around the nation
7 sometimes confiscate wild game, and without a change to the
8 United States department of agriculture rule, the resulting
9 meat may not be donated to the needy; and

10 WHEREAS, this rule prohibiting the donation of certain
11 meat products has the dual negative impact of depriving the
12 needy of food and wasting food;

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
14 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the United
15 States department of agriculture, the department of game and
16 fish and the department of environment be requested to
17 collaborate to amend the United States department of
18 agriculture rule to allow donations to the needy of meat that
19 is not inspected by the United States department of
20 agriculture; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
22 transmitted to the United States secretary of agriculture, the
23 governor, the director of the New Mexico department of
24 agriculture, the secretary of environment and the director of
25 the department of game and fish.

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