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A JOINT MEMORIAL

EXPRESSING GRATITUDE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR ITS EFFORTS TO BRING SAFE, SCIENTIFIC AND COMMUNITY-APPROPRIATE METHODS OF ROADSIDE VEGETATION CONTROL TO NEW MEXICO.

WHEREAS, the department of transportation's mission statement is: "Provide a safe and efficient transportation system for the traveling public, while promoting economic development and preserving the environment of New Mexico."; and

WHEREAS, the department of transportation has worked diligently with experts and community members statewide to find appropriate, environmentally sound and cost-effective control methods to manage vegetation; and

WHEREAS, the technology for viable safe alternatives to chemicals continues to expand; and

WHEREAS, pesticide spraying puts organic farms at risk;

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1 and

2 WHEREAS, organic farming is important to New Mexico's
3 economy, with one hundred sixteen registered organic farms and
4 ranches generating tens of millions of dollars in sales
5 annually;

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
7 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the department of transportation be
8 recognized for its efforts to bring safe, scientific and
9 community-appropriate methods of roadside vegetation control to
10 New Mexico; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
12 transmitted to the secretary of transportation, the governor
13 and the co-chairs of the New Mexico legislative council.