

1 A MEMORIAL

2 REQUESTING THE SECRETARY OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO CONVENE A
3 WORKING GROUP TO DISCUSS THE CREATION OF A SATELLITE LAW
4 ENFORCEMENT AND FIRST RESPONDER TRAINING CENTER IN NORTHERN
5 NEW MEXICO.

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7 WHEREAS, highly skilled and trained law enforcement
8 officers and first responders contribute to the overall
9 public safety in the state; and

10 WHEREAS, the New Mexico law enforcement academy is
11 located in Santa Fe and provides basic training in cultural
12 and technical competency to rookie officers, and the homeland
13 security and emergency management department provides first
14 responder training; and

15 WHEREAS, the New Mexico law enforcement academy has nine
16 satellite academies throughout the state that provide
17 additional training to law enforcement officers; and

18 WHEREAS, communities in northern New Mexico have a need
19 for law enforcement officers and first responders who are
20 provided with evidence-based training that reflects the
21 socioeconomic, demographic and racial composition of the
22 communities they serve; and

23 WHEREAS, the lack of training opportunities in northern
24 New Mexico is an impediment to providing comprehensive
25 training to law enforcement officers and first responders in

1 the northern part of the state; and

2 WHEREAS, the lack of training opportunities for law
3 enforcement officers and first responders in northern New
4 Mexico contributes to a shortage of local law enforcement
5 officers and first responders; and

6 WHEREAS, there is a need for joint training, strategy
7 and collaboration among all first responders, mental and
8 behavioral health responders and others that provide for New
9 Mexico communities in emergency situations;

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
11 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the secretary
12 of public safety be requested to convene a working group of
13 representatives from the department of public safety, the
14 homeland security and emergency management department, the
15 New Mexico law enforcement academy, local law enforcement and
16 first responder agencies and local higher education
17 institutions to discuss the creation of a satellite law
18 enforcement and first responder training center in northern
19 New Mexico; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group be
21 requested to make a report of its findings and
22 recommendations to the appropriate legislative interim
23 committee that studies issues pertaining to courts,
24 corrections and justice; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be

1 transmitted to the secretary of public safety and the chair of
2 the appropriate legislative interim committee that studies
3 issues pertaining to courts, corrections and justice. _____

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