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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THAT LOCAL AND REGIONAL GOVERNMENTS BE ADVISED OF THE POTENTIAL BENEFITS OF FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICTS AND THE AVAILABILITY OF THE FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT ACT TO CREATE LOCAL AND REGIONAL FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICTS.

WHEREAS, communities throughout the state have experienced significant flood damage during the past few years; and

WHEREAS, the potential for flood damage is increased as a result of wildfires that destroy forests and other cover vegetation; and

WHEREAS, the potential for wildfires in New Mexico has increased due to the effects of climate change; and

WHEREAS, flood control districts can be an effective means of preparing for and dealing with flooding; and

WHEREAS, the Flood Control District Act, Chapter 72,

1 Article 18 NMSA 1978, provides a means for the formation of
2 local and regional flood control districts; and

3 WHEREAS, local and regional governments may not be aware
4 of the availability of the Flood Control District Act as a
5 means for the formation of local and regional flood control
6 districts;

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
8 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico
9 association of counties and the New Mexico municipal league be
10 requested to advise their members of the benefits that may be
11 obtained through the formation of flood control districts and
12 the availability of the Flood Control District Act, Chapter 72,
13 Article 18 NMSA 1978, as a vehicle for forming local and
14 regional flood control districts; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
16 transmitted to the executive director of the New Mexico
17 association of counties and the executive director of the New
18 Mexico municipal league.