

1 A MEMORIAL

2 URGING NEW MEXICO'S CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO ENSURE THAT
3 THE STATE IS GRANTED NO LESS THAN ITS PRO-RATA SHARE OF ANY
4 FEDERAL STIMULUS FUNDING AND REQUESTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF
5 A BROADBAND TASK FORCE TO STUDY ALL PROPOSALS SUBMITTED FROM
6 NEW MEXICO FOR BROADBAND STIMULUS FUNDING.

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8 WHEREAS, broadband telecommunications infrastructure is
9 valuable to New Mexico's economic growth, academic
10 achievements, public policy, health care and government
11 services; and

12 WHEREAS, the United States congress will soon deliberate
13 on legislation promoting improvements to the development of
14 infrastructure throughout the country, a significant portion
15 of which may be dedicated to the expansion of broadband
16 infrastructure; and

17 WHEREAS, many areas of New Mexico lack adequate
18 broadband networks and services, particularly in rural and
19 tribal areas; and

20 WHEREAS, the lack of adequate broadband networks and
21 services is a disadvantage to a large number of New Mexico
22 communities and to Indian nations, tribes and pueblos
23 compared to other communities or other states with better
24 access to broadband services;

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF

1 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New
2 Mexico congressional delegation be urged to do all that is
3 possible to ensure that any federal economic stimulus
4 legislation include no less than a pro-rata share of stimulus
5 funding for New Mexico for all infrastructures addressed in
6 any forthcoming legislation, particularly for broadband
7 telecommunications infrastructure development, where the need
8 in rural and tribal areas may be even higher than in most
9 other states; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a broadband task force be
11 established, once federal economic stimulus legislation is
12 enacted, to review all broadband stimulus grant proposals for
13 New Mexico; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force include
15 representatives from the office of the governor, the public
16 regulation commission, Indian nations, tribes and pueblos,
17 the New Mexico municipal league, the New Mexico association
18 of counties and other interested parties; provided that
19 potential or actual broadband stimulus applicants be
20 excluded; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the broadband task force be
22 requested to endorse only those grants that directly
23 contribute to the development of broadband infrastructures in
24 New Mexico communities, rural areas and tribal lands that are
25 deemed vital to filling in the many gaps of broadband

1 coverage in the state; and

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force be requested
3 to report to the appropriate interim legislative committee
4 the status of pending or awarded applications; and

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
6 transmitted to members of the New Mexico congressional
7 delegation, the New Mexico legislative council, the governor,
8 the chair of the public regulation commission, the New Mexico
9 municipal league, the New Mexico association of counties and
10 the all Indian pueblo council.

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