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10	A JOINT MEMORIAL
11	REQUESTING THE STATE TO CONSULT WITH NATIVE AMERICAN TRIBES AS
12	PART OF THE PERMITTING PROCESS FOR MINING OPERATIONS THAT
13	IMPACT TRIBES.
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15	WHEREAS, Native American health, welfare and way of life
16	and the Native American economy are affected by mining
17	operations near indigenous communities; and
18	WHEREAS, the New Mexico Mining Act and the Water Quality
19	Act, when properly enforced, assist in protecting the health,
20	welfare, livelihoods and way of life of Native Americans; and
21	WHEREAS, Native American lands are often significant for
22	cultural and religious purposes; and
23	WHEREAS, the legislature of the state of New Mexico wishes
24	to ensure that Native American rights, traditions and customs
~ - 25	are respected;
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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the secretary of energy, minerals and natural resources be requested to consult with the leaders of indigenous communities and Native American tribes in the permitting process for mining operations when those operations may impact indigenous communities and tribes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the secretary of energy, minerals and natural resources and the secretary of environment be requested to continue to properly enforce the provisions of the New Mexico Mining Act and the Water Quality Act; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to secretary of energy, minerals and natural resources and the secretary of environment.

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