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1 horses in New Mexico are found west of Dulce in the Carson  
2 national forest, on La Jarita mesa near Ojo Caliente and in the  
3 bureau of land management's Bonito Atravesado wild horse area  
4 east of Socorro; and

5 WHEREAS, the bureau of land management showed a count of  
6 only seventy horses in New Mexico in 2000; and

7 WHEREAS, there are numerous bands of wild horses  
8 throughout New Mexico, not included in this count, that have  
9 been verified by local residents as wild and not strays; and

10 WHEREAS, because most of New Mexico's wild horses have no  
11 protection, they are being rounded up, auctioned and  
12 slaughtered at the rate of thousands per year; and

13 WHEREAS, these wild horses by their very nature roam  
14 across lands belonging to the state and federal governments,  
15 sovereign Indian lands and private land, which creates  
16 jurisdictional issues; and

17 WHEREAS, these unclaimed and unprotected horses belong to  
18 the people of New Mexico and are part of our living history;

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
20 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the appropriate interim legislative  
21 committee be requested to study ways to save the wild horses of  
22 New Mexico from extinction and that the committee work in  
23 cooperation with the bureau of land management, appropriate  
24 state agencies, tribal governments and wild horse advocacy  
25 groups; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee report its findings to the legislature by the second session of the forty-sixth legislature; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the New Mexico legislative council, the bureau of land management, appropriate state agencies, tribal governments and wild horse advocacy groups.

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