

1 A MEMORIAL

2 RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF COMBATING NOXIOUS WEED
3 INFESTATIONS THROUGHOUT THE STATE.

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5 WHEREAS, the land, water and other natural resources of
6 New Mexico are being severely impacted by invasions of
7 noxious weeds; and

8 WHEREAS, the noxious weeds compete with forage grasses
9 and other plant species important to the economic viability
10 of range livestock production and wildlife management in New
11 Mexico; and

12 WHEREAS, landowners and users expend ever increasing
13 resources to control noxious weeds; and

14 WHEREAS, prevention, early detection, rapid response and
15 early eradication are the most effective and least costly
16 strategies against noxious weeds because they combat new
17 invasions before they expand beyond feasible control; and

18 WHEREAS, New Mexico has a voluntary weed-free hay
19 program; and

20 WHEREAS, best practices to prevent and control the rapid
21 spread of noxious weeds are well-established by New Mexico
22 state university and the New Mexico department of
23 agriculture; and

24 WHEREAS, the introduction and spread of noxious weeds
25 often come from outside the agricultural community;

