1 A MEMORIAL 2 RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF COMBATING NOXIOUS WEED 3 INFESTATIONS THROUGHOUT THE STATE. 4 5 WHEREAS, the land, water and other natural resources of New Mexico are being severely impacted by invasions of 6 7 noxious weeds; and WHEREAS, the noxious weeds compete with forage grasses 8 and other plant species important to the economic viability 9 of range livestock production and wildlife management in New 10 Mexico; and 11 WHEREAS, landowners and users expend ever increasing 12 resources to control noxious weeds; and 13 WHEREAS, prevention, early detection, rapid response and 14 15 early eradication are the most effective and least costly strategies against noxious weeds because they combat new 16 invasions before they expand beyond feasible control; and 17 WHEREAS, New Mexico has a voluntary weed-free hay 18 program; and 19 20 WHEREAS, best practices to prevent and control the rapid spread of noxious weeds are well-established by New Mexico 21

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

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the state be encouraged to take
action to reverse the trend of increasing invasions, combat
noxious weed infestations throughout the state and prevent
the introduction of new weeds; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be

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