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SENATE MEMORIAL 5

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THAT THE GOVERNOR ISSUE AN EXECUTIVE ORDER THAT
REQUIRES CERTAIN ENERGY CONSERVATION MEASURES TO BE IMPLEMENTED
IN ALL STATE GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS.

WHEREAS, the efficient use of energy is of prime
importance to the energy supply and the economic well-being of
the state of New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, state buildings use a considerable portion of the
state's energy supply;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
OF NEW MEXICO that the governor be requested to issue an
executive order that requires the following energy conservation
measures to be implemented in all state government buildings:

A. all personal computer systems shall be turned
off when not in use for more than two hours, including evening

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1 and weekend hours. During working hours, all screen savers
2 shall be disabled and energy-saving power-down features shall
3 be enabled;

4 B. the temperature in all state buildings shall be
5 set between seventy-four and seventy-eight degrees during the
6 summer months and between sixty-eight and seventy degrees
7 during the winter months;

8 C. lights in office areas shall be turned off
9 during evening and weekend hours;

10 D. exterior lighting shall be turned off during
11 daylight hours and between midnight and 5:00 a.m. Necessary
12 security and safety lighting shall remain lit as required;

13 E. all main heating, ventilation and air
14 conditioning systems shall be examined for efficient operation.
15 Setback times shall be reevaluated and adjusted to the absolute
16 minimum time required to heat and cool buildings to prepare for
17 operations. All filter-changing procedures should be evaluated
18 to determine if filters need to be changed more frequently to
19 achieve more efficient operation of the systems;

20 F. the use of personal heating appliances shall be
21 limited to energy-efficient heated mats or other high-
22 efficiency heaters;

23 G. all hot water heaters shall be set to one
24 hundred forty degrees. Facilities that require a higher hot
25 water temperature to meet code requirements are not required to

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1 comply with this requirement;

2 H. all hot water circulation loops shall be
3 examined to determine their necessity;

4 I. office equipment shall be turned off during
5 nonworking hours;

6 J. lights located in storage areas shall be turned
7 on only when the storage areas are in active use;

8 K. the heating, ventilation and air conditioning
9 systems shall not be operated for small groups of employees;

10 L. all exterior surfaces of buildings shall be
11 evaluated for thermal efficiency. Insulation, window gaskets
12 and seals shall be replaced as necessary;

13 M. off-hours security and janitorial crews shall be
14 instructed to turn off lights as work is completed in office
15 areas; and

16 N. all vending machines shall have their lights
17 turned off and any redundant vending machines shall be removed;
18 and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
20 transmitted to the governor.

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