

1 A JOINT MEMORIAL

2 URGING THE REESTABLISHMENT OF FEDERAL FUNDING AND SUPPORT TO
3 HELP MITIGATE THE NEGATIVE ECONOMIC IMPACTS CAUSED BY
4 DOWNSIZING AT LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY AND HELP BUILD A
5 DIVERSE, SUSTAINABLE ECONOMY IN NORTH CENTRAL NEW MEXICO.

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7 WHEREAS, Los Alamos national laboratory was established
8 over sixty-three years ago; and

9 WHEREAS, Los Alamos national laboratory's budget of more
10 than two billion dollars (\$2,000,000,000) represents a
11 significant regional economic engine; and

12 WHEREAS, Los Alamos national laboratory's total
13 workforce of approximately fifteen thousand makes it the
14 largest employer in northern New Mexico; and

15 WHEREAS, Los Alamos national laboratory provides
16 employment for New Mexicans from many counties, including Los
17 Alamos, Santa Fe, Rio Arriba, Sandoval, Bernalillo and Taos
18 counties; and

19 WHEREAS, the federal government "rebid" the contract for
20 management and operation of the Los Alamos national
21 laboratory, and the new contract took effect on June 1, 2006;
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23 WHEREAS, the new contract caused a change in the taxable
24 status of Los Alamos national laboratory's operations; and

25 WHEREAS, the change in tax status has had enormous

1 fiscal impact on Los Alamos national laboratory, including a
2 budget deficit, reductions in workforce and other changes
3 that have adversely impacted the people and economy of north
4 central New Mexico; and

5 WHEREAS, Los Alamos national laboratory's new taxable
6 status requires that it pay approximately forty million
7 dollars (\$40,000,000) to Los Alamos county and fifty million
8 dollars (\$50,000,000) to the state of New Mexico in gross
9 receipts taxes; and

10 WHEREAS, the federal government established a precedent
11 of providing assistance in 1995 when it provided a grant to
12 help mitigate the regional economic impacts due to downsizing
13 of Los Alamos national laboratory in 1994-1995;

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
15 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that New Mexico's congressional
16 delegation and the entire United States congress be urged to
17 reestablish the federal funding and support that existed in
18 order to help mitigate the negative economic impacts caused
19 by Los Alamos national laboratory downsizing and to help
20 build a diverse, sustainable economy in north central New
21 Mexico; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
23 transmitted to the New Mexico congressional delegation. _____