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48TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2007

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FOR THE WATER AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

A JOINT MEMORIAL

**REQUESTING THE CREATION OF A COALITION FOR A CLEAN NEW MEXICO
TO COMBAT ILLEGAL DUMPING THROUGHOUT THE STATE.**

**WHEREAS, there is a consistent and potentially increasing
problem of illegal dumping on private and public lands within
New Mexico; and**

**WHEREAS, illegal dumping has a significant adverse impact
on public health and safety, the environment, water quality
and economic sustainability; and**

**WHEREAS, recent rainfall throughout the state has
demonstrated that areas are more susceptible to flooding when
waste blocks ravines, creeks, culverts, arroyos and drainage
basins as a result of illegal dumping; and**

**WHEREAS, education is an essential component to address
the issue of illegal dumping by promoting public awareness,**

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1 providing information about legal options for proper disposal
2 and recycling and by building consensus among citizens,
3 government officials and private industry to find solutions to
4 the problem; and

5 WHEREAS, public participation and collaboration must be
6 key components in identifying illegal dump sites, available
7 resources and appropriate mitigation measures; in developing
8 procedures for enforcement and prosecution; and in leveraging
9 funding;

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
11 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the department of environment, the
12 United States department of the interior bureau of land
13 management and the New Mexico association of counties be
14 requested to form a coalition for a clean New Mexico composed
15 of representatives of federal and state agencies, municipal
16 and county governments, tribes, industry, nonprofit and
17 environmental groups, recycling coalitions, solid waste
18 authorities, soil and water conservation districts, religious
19 groups and congressional staff to develop a strategy and make
20 recommendations on policy direction, standards and planning to
21 combat illegal dumping throughout New Mexico; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the coalition be requested to
23 complete a strategic plan and present its recommendations for
24 implementation to the appropriate committee of the legislature
25 by January 1, 2008; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the secretary of environment, the United States secretary of the interior and the director of the New Mexico association of counties.

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