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2	48th legislature - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2007
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10	A JOINT MEMORIAL
11	REQUESTING THE NEW MEXICO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO DIRECT THE
12	APPROPRIATE INTERIM COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE STATE'S ABILITY TO
13	RESPOND ADEQUATELY TO SEVERE WEATHER.
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15	WHEREAS, New Mexicans endured severe flooding and
16	snowstorms in the last several months, and it is certain that
17	similarly severe weather events will occur in the future; and
18	WHEREAS, while in most cases state and local public
19	safety, public works and public health agencies responded well
20	to those severe weather events, it was apparent that a lack of
21	preparation, poor communication, inadequate interagency and
22	intergovernmental coordination, and other shortcomings hindered
23	the response; and
24	WHEREAS, government's fundamental responsibility is to
25	ensure the public's safety; and

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico legislative council be requested to direct the appropriate interim committee to study and take testimony on the ability of state and local governmental agencies to adequately respond to severe weather and make recommendations to the second session of the fortyeighth legislature on how to improve that response; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be delivered to the co-chairs of the New Mexico legislative council.

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