

A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE ACEQUIA COMMISSION TO DEVELOP AN OFFICIAL
REGISTRY OF ACEQUIAS IN NEW MEXICO.

WHEREAS, acequias and community ditches are intertwined with the cultural fabric of New Mexico and are the foundation of the land-based culture of both acequia communities and pueblos; and

WHEREAS, those two indigenous ways of life are a vital part of the common heritage of the people of New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, acequias and community ditches are a living repository of the colorful and grand history and culture of this great state; and

WHEREAS, there is no complete official registry of acequias and community ditches in New Mexico;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the acequia commission be requested to develop an official registry of acequias and community ditches in the state of New Mexico to preserve the historical, cultural and legal record of acequias and community ditches; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be transmitted to the acequia commission.