A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO CREATE A PLANNING COMMITTEE TO PROMOTE THE USE OF INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS IN NEW MEXICO.

WHEREAS, "intelligent transportation systems" is the term used by the federal department of transportation and the transportation industry to describe the development and deployment of advanced technology to improve the safety and performance of surface transportation systems; and

WHEREAS, federal transportation legislation in recent years required development of a national intelligent transportation systems program plan, and the federal department of transportation provides research funding and other support to encourage the development of intelligent transportation systems nationwide; and

WHEREAS, intelligent transportation systems increase the efficiency and safety of transportation infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the successful deployment of intelligent transportation systems in New Mexico will benefit economic development, public safety, technology transfer and information exchange; and

WHEREAS, successful deployment of intelligent transportation systems depends on the cooperation and involvement of stakeholders in the public sector at the

federal, state and local levels, on the private sector and on the research and development communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the governor be requested to create a governor's planning committee on intelligent transportation systems to evaluate the progress of intelligent transportation systems development in New Mexico and make recommendations on strategies to support the continued development and maintenance of intelligent transportation systems in New Mexico; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the governor be requested to include as members of the planning committee on intelligent transportation systems state officials and members of the public who have expertise in the fields of transportation, information technologies, public safety and economic development; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the secretary of transportation, the secretary of information technology, the secretary of economic development and the governor.

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