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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

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1 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the acequia commission be requested to
2 develop an official registry of acequias and community ditches
3 in the state of New Mexico to preserve the historical, cultural
4 and legal record of acequias and community ditches; and

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

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