## A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING A TRAFFIC STUDY OF STATE HIGHWAY 371 IN MCKINLEY AND SAN JUAN COUNTIES.

WHEREAS, state highway 371 from Thoreau to Farmington is one hundred six miles in length with a hot mix asphalt surface on twelve-foot lanes with shoulders that average six feet in width; and

WHEREAS, state highway 371 is centered on a right of way that is one hundred fifty feet in width; and

WHEREAS, there have been two hundred fifty-six vehicular accidents over the past three years on state highway 371, which accidents included seventeen fatalities; and

WHEREAS, the average daily traffic on state highway 371 in 2007 was two thousand five hundred sixty-one vehicles per day; and

WHEREAS, heavy truck traffic accounts for approximately thirteen percent of the traffic on state highway 371; and

WHEREAS, state highway 371 has wheel rutting, transverse and longitudinal cracking, dips and heaving at various locations throughout its one-hundred-six-mile corridor;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the department of transportation be requested to work with McKinley and San Juan counties to consider the necessity for and the possible phasing of

improvements to state highway 371 between Thoreau and Farmington; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the governor, the secretary of transportation, the state transportation commission, the executive director of the northwest New Mexico council of governments, the McKinley county commission, the McKinley county manager, the San Juan county commission and the chief executive officer of San Juan county.

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