

1 A MEMORIAL

2 REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT TO CONVENE A MEETING
3 TO DEVELOP A PLAN TO MAXIMIZE THE USE OF BIODEGRADABLE WOOD
4 CHIPS FOR THE BETTERMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT.

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6 WHEREAS, each year, millions of pounds of tree branches
7 and debris are sent through chippers and made into wood
8 mulch; and

9 WHEREAS, these chips are reusable as mulch and help to
10 create healthier soil when plowed into the earth; and

11 WHEREAS, when spread on top of the ground, these wood
12 chips hold in moisture and create a weed barrier; and

13 WHEREAS, much of the volume of wood chips that is
14 currently deposited at local landfills is being used as waste
15 and could be used more productively in cities and
16 communities; and

17 WHEREAS, the potential exists for green-oriented
18 businesses to serve as central distribution units or as
19 entities holding wood chips for pickup by homeowners for
20 their personal use; and

21 WHEREAS, state agencies can and should use these chips
22 along roadsides, in parks and for other landscaping projects;

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
24 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the department of environment be
25 requested to convene a meeting to develop a plan to maximize

