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A MEMORIAL

ENCOURAGING NEW MEXICO COMMUNITIES TO PLAN AND DESIGN ENERGY-EFFICIENT PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

WHEREAS, buildings that are constructed using taxpayer funds constitute a significant investment of capital outlay; and

WHEREAS, expenditures for the operation and maintenance of public buildings over their lifetime far exceed the initial capital expenditure; and

WHEREAS, many energy-efficient measures can be incorporated into building designs and implemented with little or no additional cost; and

WHEREAS, within the next twenty-one years, an estimated seventy-five percent of buildings will have been built or will have undergone major renovations; and

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WHEREAS, New Mexico cannot afford to build inefficient public buildings that will result in unnecessary increases to operating budgets; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order 2006-001 requires the state to adopt specific energy efficiency standards for all existing and new buildings financed with state funding; and

WHEREAS, the state board of finance encourages the utilization of technologies that enhance environmental protection and sustainable development practices;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE

OF NEW MEXICO that New Mexico communities be encouraged to plan
and design energy-efficient public buildings; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that only energy-efficient public buildings be financed with state funding; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the governor, the state board of finance and the city, town and county governments of the state.

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