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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE STATE GAME COMMISSION AND THE DEPARTMENT OF GAME
AND FISH TO STUDY METHODS AND PROGRAMS TO INCREASE THE NUMBER
OF HUNTING PERMITS ISSUED TO NEW MEXICO RESIDENTS.

WHEREAS, wildlife enriches New Mexico by providing
recreational, ecological, scientific, aesthetic and cultural
values; and

WHEREAS, healthy wildlife populations are indicative of
the intact habitats on which they depend; and

WHEREAS, future generations will inherit the wildlife
resources of New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, managed hunting and harvesting is a beneficial
use of renewable wildlife resources and a necessary management
practice to maintain a proper balance among wildlife and their
habitat; and

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1 WHEREAS, hunting is an integral part of the fabric of New
2 Mexico's economy and heritage, and hunting is an important
3 cultural and traditional activity for all New Mexicans; and

4 WHEREAS, wildlife does not recognize man-made political
5 boundaries; and

6 WHEREAS, the State-Tribal Collaboration Act has been
7 enacted into law; and

8 WHEREAS, the spirit of that act is to enhance government-
9 to-government communication and collaboration between the state
10 and tribal governments; and

11 WHEREAS, the State-Tribal Collaboration Act requires an
12 annual state-tribal summit at which state agencies and tribal
13 governments may discuss topics of mutual concern and cultivate
14 productive state-tribal relations; and

15 WHEREAS, it is in the mutual interest of the state and
16 tribal governments to manage and conserve wildlife in order to
17 continue to provide and increase hunting opportunities for all
18 New Mexicans; and

19 WHEREAS, hunters have been and continue to be among the
20 foremost supporters of wildlife management and conservation
21 practices; and

22 WHEREAS, the department of game and fish receives hundreds
23 more hunting applications than it can issue permits and
24 licenses for;

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

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1 OF NEW MEXICO that the state game commission and the department
2 of game and fish be requested to study methods and programs
3 that will increase the number of hunting licenses for New
4 Mexico residents, including habitat conservation, the
5 methodology of drawings and active collaboration with Indian
6 nations, tribes and pueblos in New Mexico; and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the state game commission and
8 the department of game and fish present the study before the
9 appropriate interim legislative committee; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
11 transmitted to the state game commission and the director of
12 the department of game and fish.

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