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10	A MEMORIAL
11	REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND THE DEPARTMENT OF
12	ENVIRONMENT TO STUDY AVAILABLE LITERATURE AND REPORTS ON THE
13	EFFECTS OF CELL PHONE RADIATION ON HUMAN HEALTH.
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15	WHEREAS, the constitution of New Mexico provides that "The
16	protection of the state's beautiful and healthful environment
17	is hereby declared to be of fundamental importance to the
18	public interest, health, safety and the general welfare"; and
19	WHEREAS, studies have shown that the radiation emitted
20	from cell phone towers is, even at low levels, dangerous to
21	human health; and
22	WHEREAS, other studies, including those relied upon by the
23	federal communications commission, state that the current
24	levels are safe; and
25	WHEREAS, conflicting studies give rise to legitimate
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WHEREAS, opponents of the cell phone industry and those who disagree with the federal communications commission question the scientific methods and sources of funding that have been used to support the claims that the current radiation levels are safe; and

9 WHEREAS, the primary responsibility of the federal 10 communications commission is to regulate interstate and 11 international communications by radio, wire, satellite and 12 cable; it does not have expertise in health or public health 13 issues; and

WHEREAS, basic principles of public health include the application of multi-professional skills to maintain and improve the state of well-being of communities; and

WHEREAS, residents of New Mexico have expressed concern regarding how radiation emitted from cell phone towers may have effects on the health and well-being of their families and communities; and

WHEREAS, residents of New Mexico have also expressed concern regarding how the placement of cell phone towers may disrupt emergency and law enforcement communications, and whether cell phone towers negatively affect the value of their property; and

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WHEREAS, the conflicting studies and continued concern from residents of New Mexico make it clear that there is a need for a comprehensive, impartial review of all available literature on the effects and the potential dangers of radiation emitted from cell phone towers on human health;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the department of health and the department of environment be requested to study and review all available literature and reports on the effects of cell phone radiation on human health; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department of health and the department of environment submit a report on the effects of cell phone radiation, with recommendations on how to alleviate any dangerous effects that cell phone radiation has on human health, to the legislative health and human services committee by November 1, 2011; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the secretary of health and the secretary of environment.

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