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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO DISCUSS
AMELIORATING THE IMPACT OF INTERSTATE 25 WHERE IT PASSES
THROUGH THE LANDS OF THE PUEBLO OF SANDIA.

WHEREAS, the Sandia people have lived in the area that is
now known as the Pueblo of Sandia for over seven hundred years;
and

WHEREAS, the Pueblo of Sandia is a sovereign nation; and

WHEREAS, the Sandia mountains are the source of
spirituality for the Sandia people; and

WHEREAS, interstate 25 north of Albuquerque, one of the
most heavily trafficked highways in the state, bisects the
Pueblo of Sandia's lands in the shadow of the Sandia mountains;
and

WHEREAS, the traffic on interstate 25 travels at very high

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1 speeds; and

2 WHEREAS, on numerous occasions, automobiles involved in
3 serious traffic accidents have left the highway and ended up on
4 pueblo lands; and

5 WHEREAS, there are many tribal houses near interstate 25;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, the proximity of interstate 25 to these houses
8 poses a safety hazard as well as a constant source of noise
9 pollution, noxious fumes and debris; and

10 WHEREAS, interstate 25 intrudes on the privacy of the
11 pueblo, disturbing the pueblo's tranquility; and

12 WHEREAS, the proximity of the highway particularly
13 impinges on the privacy of members of the pueblo who live near
14 the interstate; and

15 WHEREAS, the federal highway administration of the United
16 States department of transportation has indicated that noise
17 barriers built along highways can reduce the amount of sound
18 from the highway by up to one-half; and

19 WHEREAS, the federal highway administration also reports
20 that noise barriers result in cleaner air and healthier lawns
21 and shrubs at homes near the highway; and

22 WHEREAS, a wall or other barrier on interstate 25 where it
23 crosses pueblo lands would add to the safety of the houses
24 neighboring the interstate; and

25 WHEREAS, the Pueblo of Sandia has long been a good partner

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1 in state-tribal relations, with a history of engaging in
2 constructive negotiations for the good of all of the people of
3 the state; and

4 WHEREAS, the State-Tribal Collaboration Act mandates
5 communication and collaboration between state agencies and
6 Indian nations, tribes and pueblos;

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
8 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the state
9 department of transportation be requested to discuss efforts to
10 mitigate the effects of noise and other pollution and improve
11 safety where interstate 25 crosses the Pueblo of Sandia,
12 including the possibility of constructing a security wall or
13 noise barrier; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
15 transmitted to the state department of transportation and the
16 governor of the Pueblo of Sandia.