

1 SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 38

2 **51ST LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2013**

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10 A JOINT MEMORIAL

11 REQUESTING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO NEGOTIATE WITH NEW MEXICO  
12 AND REPRESENTATIVES OF DISPLACED LAND GRANT HEIRS FOR THE  
13 RETURN OF LAND GRANTS.

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15 WHEREAS, in 2008, the New Mexico attorney general reviewed  
16 and responded to inequities in the legal conclusions and  
17 reasoning of the federal general accounting office 2004 report  
18 on land grants; and

19 WHEREAS, current claims for land grant lands were made to  
20 President of the United States Barack Obama in a June 2009  
21 letter expressing support for the return of land grants to  
22 displaced heirs; and

23 WHEREAS, a meeting held on June 15, 2010 between the  
24 United States bureau of land management and land grant heirs  
25 was part of an initiative for heirs to regain legal title to

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1 land grant property;

2 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
3 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the federal government be requested to  
4 begin negotiations with New Mexico and land grant boards of  
5 trustees and commissioners and the land grant council for the  
6 return of land grants to displaced heirs; and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
8 transmitted to President of the United States Barack Obama and  
9 the New Mexico congressional delegation.