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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS TO DESIGN A SERIES OF  
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR STATEWIDE EFFICIENT RESIDENTIAL WATER  
USE.

WHEREAS, with recurrent drought conditions, the need for  
efficient use of water in New Mexico is a well-recognized  
fact; and

WHEREAS, urban water use in New Mexico will rise as the  
population increases, and the bureau of business and economic  
research at the university of New Mexico estimates that the  
population of New Mexico will increase to two million five  
hundred forty thousand one hundred forty-five by 2020 and  
three million seven hundred ten thousand eight hundred  
seventy-five by 2060, with the fastest-growing regions in and  
around the urban centers along the middle and lower Rio  
Grande; and

WHEREAS, municipalities have actively worked to enhance  
water conservation efforts and have developed aggressive  
conservation programs resulting in significant water savings  
already achieved by these water providers; and

WHEREAS, efficient residential water use helps to  
mitigate the effects of drought and lessens the depletion of  
existing water sources and dependency on the development of  
new water sources, in addition to lowering the water, sewer

1 and energy bills of the residential user, thus reducing water  
2 utility operating costs; and

3 WHEREAS, while a statewide water planning effort was  
4 initiated by the legislature in the 2003 regular legislative  
5 session, comprehensive and consistent municipal efficient  
6 water-use strategies have yet to be required;

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
8 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that officials  
9 from all cities participating in the New Mexico municipal  
10 league be requested to collaboratively design a series of  
11 recommendations for efficient water use and that they present  
12 their recommendations to the appropriate legislative interim  
13 committee by August 2016; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
15 transmitted to the office of the state engineer and the New  
16 Mexico municipal league.