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HOUSE MEMORIAL 15

**52ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2016**

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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 with populations over fifty-five

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1 thousand have actively worked to enhance water conservation  
2 efforts and have developed aggressive conservation programs  
3 resulting in significant water savings already achieved by  
4 these water providers; and

5 WHEREAS, efficient residential water use helps to mitigate  
6 the effects of drought and lessens the depletion of existing  
7 water sources and dependency on the development of new water  
8 sources, in addition to lowering the water, sewer and energy  
9 bills of the residential user, thus reducing water utility  
10 operating costs; and

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

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
16 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that officials from  
17 the Albuquerque-Bernalillo county water utility authority and  
18 the cities of Las Cruces, Rio Rancho and Santa Fe be requested  
19 to collaboratively design a series of recommendations for  
20 efficient water use and that they present their recommendations  
21 to the appropriate legislative interim committee by August  
22 2016; and

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
24 transmitted to the state engineer, the Albuquerque-Bernalillo  
25 county water utility authority and the city managers of the

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