

1 A MEMORIAL

2 AFFIRMING THE IMPORTANCE OF NEW MEXICO LAND GRANT COMMUNITIES
3 AND REQUESTING THAT NEW MEXICO COUNCILS OF GOVERNMENTS
4 SUPPORT MEMBERSHIP OF LAND GRANT COMMUNITIES IN THE COUNCILS
5 OF GOVERNMENTS.

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7 WHEREAS, land grants were made to individuals and
8 communities during the periods of Spanish and Mexican rule in
9 New Mexico's history; and

10 WHEREAS, these land grants were private land grants made
11 to individuals and communal land grants made to groups of
12 individuals for the purpose of establishing settlements; and

13 WHEREAS, communal land grants were also made to pueblos
14 for the lands they inhabited; and

15 WHEREAS, there are hundreds of land grant communities
16 throughout New Mexico, including the Alameda land grant,
17 the Atrisco land grant, the Elena Gallegos land grant, the
18 San Miguel del Vado land grant, the Maxwell land grant and
19 the Tierra Amarilla land grant; and

20 WHEREAS, New Mexico land grant communities are of
21 historical importance to the state's culture and embody
22 positive community growth and economic development; and

23 WHEREAS, a regional council of governments is a
24 multiservice entity that delivers a variety of federal, state
25 and local programs while continuing to function as a planning

1 organization, technical assistance provider and visionary to
2 its member local governments; and

3 WHEREAS, regional councils of governments are stable,
4 broad-based organizations adept at building consensus,
5 creating partnerships, providing services, solving problems
6 and managing finances; and

7 WHEREAS, New Mexico councils of governments include
8 the south central council of governments, the northwest
9 New Mexico council of governments, the eastern plains council
10 of governments, the mid-region council of governments of
11 New Mexico, the southwest New Mexico council of governments
12 and the north central New Mexico economic development
13 district; and

14 WHEREAS, allowing New Mexico land grant communities to
15 be members of New Mexico councils of governments would
16 promote inclusion of all local communities in governing
17 decisions and community development; and

18 WHEREAS, it would be mutually beneficial for New Mexico
19 councils of governments to support the membership of
20 New Mexico land grant communities in the councils of
21 governments;

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
23 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the importance of New Mexico land
24 grant communities be affirmed; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that New Mexico councils of

1 governments be requested to support membership of New Mexico
2 land grant communities in the councils of governments; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
4 transmitted to the governor, the chair of the New Mexico land
5 grant council and the chairs of the south central council of
6 governments, the northwest New Mexico council of governments,
7 the eastern plains council of governments, the mid-region
8 council of governments of New Mexico, the southwest New Mexico
9 council of governments and the north central New Mexico
10 economic development district.

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