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10 A MEMORIAL

11 AFFIRMING THE IMPORTANCE OF NEW MEXICO LAND GRANT COMMUNITIES
12 AND REQUESTING THAT NEW MEXICO COUNCILS OF GOVERNMENTS SUPPORT
13 MEMBERSHIP OF LAND GRANT COMMUNITIES IN THE COUNCILS OF
14 GOVERNMENTS.

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

19 WHEREAS, these land grants were private land grants made
20 to individuals and communal land grants made to groups of
21 individuals for the purpose of establishing settlements; and

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

24 WHEREAS, there are hundreds of land grant communities
25 throughout New Mexico, including the Alameda land grant, the

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1 Atrisco land grant, the Elena Gallegos land grant, the San
2 Miguel del Vado land grant, the Maxwell land grant and the
3 Tierra Amarilla land grant; and

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

7 WHEREAS, a regional council of governments is a
8 multiservice entity that delivers a variety of federal, state
9 and local programs while continuing to function as a planning
10 organization, technical assistance provider and visionary to
11 its member local governments; and

12 WHEREAS, regional councils of governments are stable,
13 broad-based organizations adept at building consensus, creating
14 partnerships, providing services, solving problems and managing
15 finances; and

16 WHEREAS, New Mexico councils of governments include the
17 south central council of governments, the northwest New Mexico
18 council of governments, the eastern plains council of
19 governments, the mid-region council of governments of New
20 Mexico, the southwest New Mexico council of governments and the
21 north central New Mexico economic development district; and

22 WHEREAS, allowing New Mexico land grant communities to be
23 members of New Mexico councils of governments would promote
24 inclusion of all local communities in governing decisions and
25 community development; and

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