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10 A JOINT MEMORIAL

11 REQUESTING THE NEW MEXICO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO CONVENE A TASK  
12 FORCE TO STUDY PREVIOUS RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE REDUCTION IN  
13 CABINET DEPARTMENTS AND TO MAKE FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS.

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15 WHEREAS, in December 2009, Governor Bill Richardson  
16 appointed a committee on government efficiency and requested  
17 recommendations on efficiency measures that could be taken in  
18 the 2010 legislative session to reduce governmental  
19 expenditures by at least fifty million dollars (\$50,000,000);  
20 and

21 WHEREAS, the committee on government efficiency used the  
22 following criteria for evaluating cost-saving opportunities:  
23 the amount of money to be saved if adopted, ease and timing of  
24 implementation, mandatory obligations, economic impact of  
25 implementing change, span of control and agency size and better

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1 alignment with corresponding or related federal agencies; and

2 WHEREAS, the 2009 committee on government efficiency  
3 recommended the need for consolidation of certain agencies and  
4 the elimination or reduction of redundant, duplicative and  
5 overlapping programs and services; and

6 WHEREAS, during the 2010 regular legislative session,  
7 House Bill 237 was passed, creating a government restructuring  
8 task force to further explore the findings from the 2009  
9 committee on government efficiency; and

10 WHEREAS, in December 2010, the government restructuring  
11 task force submitted its final report; and

12 WHEREAS, the government restructuring task force found  
13 that the proliferation of departments and agencies was a  
14 serious concern; and

15 WHEREAS, the government restructuring task force  
16 recommended eliminating, merging and realigning certain  
17 agencies for cost savings, efficiency and effectiveness; and

18 WHEREAS, several bills were introduced during the 2011  
19 legislative session to implement the government restructuring  
20 task force recommendations, but none of the bills passed; and

21 WHEREAS, during her term, Governor Susana Martinez  
22 discussed the consolidation of several departments, but no  
23 action was taken; and

24 WHEREAS, the need to look at cost-saving measures, such as  
25 the elimination or consolidation of agencies in state

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1 government is still relevant;

2 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
3 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico legislative council be  
4 requested to convene a new task force to study the previous  
5 recommendations of the 2010 government restructuring task force  
6 and to determine if its recommendations are relevant for  
7 further legislative action; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the new task force be created  
9 to be composed of six current or former legislators appointed  
10 by the New Mexico legislative council and six current or former  
11 cabinet secretaries appointed by the governor; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the new task force be  
13 requested to issue a report on its findings and conclusions by  
14 October 31, 2019; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that duplicate copies of the report  
16 be filed with the legislative council service library; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
18 transmitted to the governor and the co-chairs of the New Mexico  
19 legislative council.