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8	FOR THE INTEGRATED WATER AND RESOURCE PLANNING COMMITTEE
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11	REQUESTING THE SECRETARIES OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, HIGHWAY AND
12	TRANSPORTATION AND FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION AND THE
13	SUPERINTENDENT OF REGULATION AND LICENSING TO COOPERATE IN
14	STUDYING THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT POTENTIAL OF ASTRONOMY AND
15	METHODS TO MAINTAIN DARK SKY RESOURCES.
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17	WHEREAS, astronomy is a significant, clean, high-technology
18	industry employing six hundred people statewide; and
19	WHEREAS, two hundred million dollars (\$200,000,000) in
20	capital investment has already been made in the New Mexico
21	astronomy industry; and
22	WHEREAS, New Mexico's viability as an international center
23	for astronomical research depends on dark skies, which are being
24	threatened by light pollution; and
25	WHEREAS, the excessive use of light wastes energy,

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increases consumer costs, diminishes public appreciation of scenic vistas and interferes with people's right to privacy; and

WHEREAS, careful use of outdoor lighting with shielded or redirected lights and low-pressure sodium light bulbs is energy efficient and can enhance public safety without harming dark sky resources; and

WHEREAS, Alamogordo, Cloudcroft and Tucson, Arizona have enacted ordinances that respect the need for adequate ground light while respecting the value of dark skies;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the secretaries of economic development, highway and transportation and finance and administration and the superintendent of regulation and licensing cooperate in studying the economic development potential of New Mexico's dark skies, alternative lighting technologies and design to maintain dark skies, and obstacles to conservation of dark skies; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the secretaries report to the appropriate interim committee with their recommendations for legislation by December 1, 1997; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the secretaries of economic development, highway and transportation and finance and administration and the superintendent of regulation and licensing.

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