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A JOINT MEMORIAL

**REQUESTING THE NEW MEXICO COALITION FOR COMMUNITY ACCESS
TELEVISION PROVIDERS TO ADVISE LOCAL GOVERNMENTS WITH REGARD TO
EXISTING AND EMERGING COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY FOR THE PURPOSE
OF PROMPTING, ADVOCATING, COORDINATING AND FOSTERING ACCESS TO
PUBLIC, EDUCATIONAL AND GOVERNMENT INFORMATION.**

**WHEREAS, the state of New Mexico has a compelling interest
in promoting education, economic growth, public health, public
safety, democratic discourse and cultural expression in
improving the performance of institutions of self-governance
and improving communications between and among the public and
public officials; and**

**WHEREAS, the state believes that its residents should have
access to diverse information, educational voices, viewpoints**

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1 and perspectives over telecommu**n**ications networks, including
2 cable, broadcast, mi**c**rowave and satellite systems, internet,
3 video systems, streaming video and other advanced or emerging
4 telecommu**n**ications; and

5 WHEREAS, the convergence of various media and the
6 explosion in overall telecommu**n**ications capacity have
7 eliminated many distinctions between and among the types of
8 telecommu**n**ications services; and

9 WHEREAS, public educational and governmental access to
10 telecommu**n**ications services is an appropriate form of
11 compensation to the state, local and tribal governments for use
12 of public rights of way; and

13 WHEREAS, diversification in the telecommu**n**ications,
14 utilities and entertain**m**ent industries necessitates fair
15 regulatory treatment of all providers of telecommu**n**ications;

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
17 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mex**i**co coalition of commu**n**ity
18 access television providers be requested to advise local
19 governments with regard to access for existing and emerging
20 commu**n**ication technology through the coordinated efforts of New
21 Mex**i**co public, educational and governmental access channels;
22 and

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
24 distributed to the director of the New Mex**i**co coalition for
25 commu**n**ity access television providers for appropriate

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