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1 governmental entities implement policy changes to ensure that  
2 all persons with disabilities are afforded the opportunity to  
3 take part in and benefit from the programs and services of  
4 those governmental entities; and

5 WHEREAS, programs and facilities of local governments  
6 that existed prior to the passage of the Americans with  
7 Disabilities Act of 1990 are not excluded from compliance with  
8 that act pursuant to a grandfather clause or other exemption;  
9 and

10 WHEREAS, many local governments in New Mexico and across  
11 the nation are home to buildings of historical significance  
12 and those local governments are required, with some limited  
13 exceptions, to alter historically significant buildings and  
14 facilities in a manner so as to make them accessible to  
15 persons with disabilities and in conformance with the  
16 Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 standards for  
17 accessible design or uniform federal accessibility standards;  
18 and

19 WHEREAS, the people and the local governments of the  
20 state of New Mexico are committed to ensuring that all of the  
21 state's citizens and visitors have access to and can  
22 participate in the programs and services of the state and  
23 local governments; and

24 WHEREAS, New Mexico's local governments are committed to  
25 complying with the provisions of the Americans with

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1 Disabilities Act of 1990; and

2 WHEREAS, compliance with the provisions of the Americans  
3 with Disabilities Act of 1990 can be extremely costly; and

4 WHEREAS, many local governments in New Mexico and across  
5 the nation lack the fiscal resources to pay for the  
6 significant and often expensive changes mandated by the  
7 Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990;

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
9 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the United States congress be  
10 requested to appropriate funds to assist local governments  
11 nationwide in their compliance with the provisions of the  
12 Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990; and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the New Mexico congressional  
14 delegation be requested to join the delegations from other  
15 states to introduce and pass legislation to provide funding to  
16 local governments nationwide in their compliance with the  
17 provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
19 transmitted to the New Mexico congressional delegation.