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SENATE MEMORIAL 1

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A MEMORIAL

**REQUESTING THE EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATION TO RECOGNIZE THE
EFFORTS OF FIREFIGHTERS AND EMERGENCY PERSONNEL BY PROVIDING
ADEQUATE PAY FOR DANGEROUS WORK.**

**WHEREAS, New Mexico and much of the west is in a severe
drought and extreme fire danger prevails across most forests
and rangelands; and**

**WHEREAS, firefighters and emergency personnel are
combating the Borrego Mesa fire near Truchas that is
threatening that village as well as the village of Cordova;
and**

**WHEREAS, the Cerro Grande fire in Los Alamos county two
years ago destroyed more than two hundred homes and caused
millions of dollars in damages; and**

WHEREAS, firefighters and emergency personnel all over

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1 the state are on the ready to protect the lives and property
2 of New Mexico citizens; and

3 WHEREAS, the importance and value of services provided by
4 firefighters and emergency personnel are frequently forgotten
5 when public budgets are prepared;

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
7 OF NEW MEXICO that appreciation and recognition be expressed
8 for the service of and sacrifices by emergency personnel and
9 firefighters; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the executive administration
11 and budgeting agencies of the state and its political
12 subdivisions be requested to develop adequate budgets for
13 emergency and firefighting organizations and adequate living
14 wages for their personnel; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
16 transmitted to the secretary of public safety and the
17 secretary of finance and administration.