

1 A JOINT MEMORIAL

2 REQUESTING THE STATE PARKS DIVISION OF THE ENERGY, MINERALS
3 AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT TO EXPAND CITY OF ROCKS
4 STATE PARK, LIVING DESERT ZOO AND GARDENS STATE PARK, CONCHAS
5 LAKE STATE PARK AND OASIS STATE PARK.

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7 WHEREAS, Section 16-2-11 NMSA 1978 requires legislative
8 approval of any acquisition of land for state park purposes
9 prior to the execution of a written agreement binding the
10 state to an expenditure of funds; and

11 WHEREAS, there are unique opportunities to protect lands
12 adjacent to City of Rocks state park, Living Desert zoo and
13 gardens state park, Conchas Lake state park and Oasis state
14 park that have outstanding natural, cultural and recreational
15 resources; and

16 WHEREAS, acquisition of additional land will improve
17 these parks, enhance visitor experiences and benefit tourism;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, the state parks division of the energy,
20 minerals and natural resources department can acquire lands
21 only from willing sellers and the willing sellers are present
22 in these locations;

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
24 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the state parks division of the
25 energy, minerals and natural resources department be

1 requested to enter into agreements to acquire lands to expand
2 these four state parks and that the acquisitions be approved
3 pursuant to Section 16-2-11 NMSA 1978; and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
5 transmitted to the secretary of energy, minerals and natural
6 resources.

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