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A JOINT MEMORIAL
REQUESTING THE STATE ENGINEER TO CONDUCT A COMPREHENSIVE
STATEWIDE ASSESSMENT OF NEW MEXICO'S WATER OBLIGATIONS, NEEDS
AND RESOURCES.

WHEREAS, water is New Mexico's most precious natural
resource; and

WHEREAS, the availability of water is critical to New
Mexico's ability to support agriculture, manufacturing,
residential development, recreational opportunities and other
endeavors that are important to the state's progress, economic
development and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, there exists a need to ensure that the state can
meet the various demands on the water that is available to its
users;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
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1 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the office of the state engineer be
2 requested to conduct a comprehensive assessment of New Mexico's
3 water resources, needs and obligations as projected over the
4 next fifty years and that the assessment include specific flow
5 rates, capacities and quantities of the state's various water
6 systems, legal demands on those systems and the projected
7 abilities of those systems to meet the demands placed upon
8 them; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the office of the state
10 engineer be requested to make its report to the appropriate
11 interim committee of the legislature by December 15, 2005; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
13 transmitted to the state engineer.

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