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A MEMORIAL

**REQUESTING NEW MEXICO HIGHLANDS UNIVERSITY TO CONDUCT A STUDY
OF GROUPS THAT FOSTER INTOLERANCE IN NEW MEXICO.**

**WHEREAS, the constitution of the state of New Mexico
begins with the words: "We, the people of New Mexico, grateful
to Almighty God for the blessings of liberty, in order to
secure the advantages of a state government, do ordain and
establish this constitution"; and**

**WHEREAS, Article 2, Section 4 of the constitution of New
Mexico guarantees that certain rights are inherent and that
"all persons are born equally free, and have certain natural,
inherent and inalienable rights, among which are the rights of
enjoying and defending life and liberty, of acquiring,
possessing and protecting property, and of seeking and
obtaining safety and happiness"; and**

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1 WHEREAS, the constitution of New Mexico also guarantees
2 that every New Mexican will enjoy the right of religious
3 freedom and that "no person shall ever be molested or denied
4 any civil or political right or privilege on account of his
5 religious opinion or mode of religious worship"; and

6 WHEREAS, as inheritors of the guarantees of liberty handed
7 down from the founders of the nation and underscored by the
8 founders of this state, it is the duty of all New Mexicans to
9 be vigilant against the growing threat to those fundamental
10 guarantees; and

11 WHEREAS, operating in New Mexico today are certain groups
12 that advocate racism, ethnic and religious bigotry, including
13 anti-Semitism, and other forms of bigotry that militate against
14 the common prayer that our state manifest "perfect friendship
15 among united cultures"; and

16 WHEREAS, it is in the public interest that such groups be
17 identified and studied in an effort to enhance public safety
18 and reduce the likelihood of terrorism and danger to all New
19 Mexicans;

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
21 OF NEW MEXICO that New Mexico highlands university be requested
22 to conduct a study to determine if, and to what extent, there
23 exist in New Mexico groups, such as white supremacist and
24 similar hate groups, that advocate racism, ethnic and religious
25 bigotry, including anti-Semitism, or other forms of bigotry and

1 to identify the rhetoric, organizational names and locations of
2 those groups, if applicable; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that New Mexico highlands
4 university report the findings of its study to the appropriate
5 interim committee of the legislature; and

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
7 transmitted to the president of New Mexico highlands
8 university.

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