

1 A MEMORIAL

2 ENCOURAGING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A REGIONAL AIR QUALITY
3 AUTHORITY COMPOSED OF BERNALILLO COUNTY, SANDOVAL COUNTY,
4 VALENCIA COUNTY, THE CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE AND OTHER
5 MUNICIPALITIES WITHIN THE REGION.

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7 WHEREAS, air quality is vitally important to the health
8 and well-being of the residents of the municipalities and
9 unincorporated portions of Bernalillo, Sandoval and Valencia
10 counties; and

11 WHEREAS, the region encompassing Bernalillo, Valencia
12 and Sandoval counties is experiencing substantial growth in
13 residential and commercial development; and

14 WHEREAS, factors such as land use, transportation and
15 manufacturing may all impact air quality individually and
16 cumulatively; and

17 WHEREAS, the governmental entities in the region should
18 be encouraged to develop uniform standards with respect to
19 air quality permitting and enforcement that would provide
20 better protection for the region's air quality and provide a
21 uniform process for permit applicants; and

22 WHEREAS, the combining of the resources of the
23 governmental entities in the region addressing air quality
24 issues should be encouraged to maximize efficiencies in
25 personnel, resources and knowledge; and

1 WHEREAS, a regional air quality board would be better
2 staffed and equipped to develop effective strategies to
3 regulate emissions without imposing undue burdens on permit
4 applicants; and

5 WHEREAS, the oversight and control of air quality issues
6 in the region would be performed best by a single agency;

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
8 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that Bernalillo, Sandoval and Valencia
9 counties, and the municipalities contained therein, be
10 encouraged to establish a regional air quality authority; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
12 transmitted to the boards of commissioners of Bernalillo,
13 Sandoval and Valencia counties and to the governing bodies of
14 the cities of Albuquerque, Bernalillo, Corrales, Rio Rancho,
15 Belen and Los Lunas.

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