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HOUSE MEMORIAL 107

**48TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2007**

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR'S HOMELAND SECURITY ADVISOR TO  
SPEARHEAD A COMMITTEE TO STUDY AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS  
REGARDING THE INTEROPERABILITY OF COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS IN NEW  
MEXICO.

WHEREAS, emergencies, including the September 11 terrorist  
attacks, Hurricane Katrina, wildfires in New Mexico and other  
disasters, require coherent and effective communication among  
various local, tribal, state and federal emergency response  
agencies; and

WHEREAS, dependable and interoperable public safety  
communications infrastructure is critical to New Mexico's  
response to emergencies in order to ensure the safety of  
emergency response personnel and the safety of the public; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for public safety personnel from

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1 different agencies, disciplines and levels of government to  
2 communicate with each other effectively and efficiently so that  
3 they can coordinate their response to emergencies, minimize  
4 response time and maximize resources; and

5 WHEREAS, there is a need for a coordinated statewide  
6 approach to the establishment of an interoperable public safety  
7 and critical communications infrastructure network for the  
8 benefit of the public and local, tribal, state and federal  
9 emergency responders; and

10 WHEREAS, local, tribal, state and national leaders have  
11 consistently resolved to provide effective emergency response  
12 to all emergencies and disasters;

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
14 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the governor's  
15 homeland security advisor be requested to spearhead and form a  
16 committee, including representatives from the first responder  
17 community, the chief information officer, the secretary of  
18 public safety, the secretary of general services and additional  
19 representatives from other sectors of local, tribal, state and  
20 federal stakeholders as identified by the homeland security  
21 advisor, to study the interoperability of local, tribal and  
22 state emergency communications systems in New Mexico and their  
23 interface with federal systems; and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the homeland security  
25 advisor's interoperable communications study committee make

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1 recommendations to the governor and the legislature regarding  
2 resolution of the interoperability issues identified by the  
3 committee by October 1, 2007; and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
5 transmitted to the governor, all executive branch agencies, the  
6 New Mexico municipal league, the New Mexico association of  
7 counties and the New Mexico federal executive board.