

A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THAT THE LEGISLATIVE AND THE EXECUTIVE BRANCHES OF STATE GOVERNMENT WORK TO RESTORE ECONOMIC GROWTH AND OPPORTUNITY BY SPENDING ECONOMIC RECOVERY PLAN FUNDS ON AMERICAN PRODUCTS AND SERVICES THAT CREATE AMERICAN JOBS AND HELP KEEP AMERICANS EMPLOYED.

WHEREAS, the economic downturn is having a critical impact on Americans who are struggling to maintain or find jobs in an increasingly difficult environment; and

WHEREAS, these same Americans are the taxpayers who provide the revenue needed to operate essential government services; and

WHEREAS, the United States congress has approved and President Obama has signed into law the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, a taxpayer-sponsored economic recovery package that will provide billions of dollars to help cities and states whose economies have suffered in the economic downturn to provide jobs immediately to millions of out-of-work Americans through considerable infrastructure rebuilding, green energy projects and other projects that will require manufactured components; and

WHEREAS, taxpayer dollars should be spent to maximize the creation of American jobs and to restore the economic vitality of communities; and

WHEREAS, any domestically produced products that are purchased with economic recovery plan funds will immediately help struggling American families and will help stabilize a greater economy; and

WHEREAS, any economic recovery plan spending in New Mexico should include, to the greatest extent possible, a commitment from New Mexico state government to buy materials, goods and services for projects from companies that are produced within the United States, thus employing the very workers that pay the taxes for the economic recovery plan in the first place;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the legislative and the executive branches of state government be requested to work to maximize economic growth and opportunity by spending federal economic recovery funds on American products and services that create American jobs and help keep Americans employed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislative and the executive branches of state government be requested to use any federal economic recovery funds provided to the state of New Mexico by the American taxpayers to purchase products and services that are made or performed in the United States; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the governor, the president pro tempore of the

New Mexico senate, the speaker of the house of representatives; the secretary of aging and long-term services; the director of the New Mexico department of agriculture; the secretary of children, youth and families; the secretary of corrections; the secretary of cultural affairs; the secretary of economic development; the secretary of energy, minerals and natural resources; the secretary of environment; the secretary of finance and administration; the director of the department of game and fish; the secretary of general services; the secretary of health; the secretary of higher education; the secretary of human services; the secretary of Indian affairs; the department of military affairs; the secretary of public education; the secretary of public safety; the superintendent of regulation and licensing; the secretary of taxation and revenue; the secretary of tourism; the secretary of transportation; the secretary of veterans' services; and the secretary of workforce solutions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the members of the New Mexico congressional delegation.