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10 A JOINT MEMORIAL

11 REQUESTING THE NEW MEXICO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO CREATE A
12 COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE PROCESSES, PROCEDURES AND RULES OF STATE
13 GOVERNMENT TO DETERMINE AREAS WHERE GREATER EFFICIENCIES AND
14 PUBLIC ACCESS CAN BE INCORPORATED IN ALL BRANCHES OF NEW MEXICO
15 STATE GOVERNMENT.

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17 WHEREAS, government and bureaucracy seem to be
18 interchangeable terms; and

19 WHEREAS, bureaucracy bears the stigma of an unnecessarily
20 confusing process, burdensome regulation or purposeful
21 obstruction to the access of information or services; and

22 WHEREAS, the legislature is constantly being informed by
23 constituents of the burdensome or confusing nature of
24 government, and legislators are aware that information needed
25 to make critical decisions for the welfare of the state is

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1 often not available or requires great effort to obtain; and

2 WHEREAS, many constituents desire government processes and
3 procedures that are open and transparent, that respond to
4 public concerns and that are easy to navigate; and

5 WHEREAS, it is important for the legislature to review
6 state government processes, procedures and rules periodically
7 to ensure that state government is providing the information
8 and services made available to the public in statute in the
9 most efficient, economical and effective manner and to ensure
10 that the processes and procedures are easy to navigate and the
11 rules are not unnecessarily burdensome;

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
13 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico legislative council be
14 requested to appoint or identify a committee to review the
15 current processes, procedures and rules of all branches of New
16 Mexico state government; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the legislature
18 reviewing the processes, procedures and rules of state
19 government seek ways to encourage greater efficiency,
20 effectiveness and economy in state government that result in
21 greater access and transparency for the public; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee determine the
23 best manner in which to proceed to review the many processes,
24 procedures and rules of state government on an ongoing basis
25 and make a recommendation to the New Mexico legislative council

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1 regarding the committee's findings; and

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
3 transmitted to the speaker of the house of representatives, the
4 president pro tempore of the senate, the governor and the chief
5 justice of the supreme court.

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