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2 **49TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2010**

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10 A JOINT MEMORIAL

11 REQUESTING THAT THE CREATION OF A STATE PLANNING AND COMMUNITY
12 DESIGN DEPARTMENT BE CONSIDERED AS PART OF THE REORGANIZATION
13 OF STATE GOVERNMENT.

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15 WHEREAS, the troubled economy of the state and nation
16 underscores the importance of careful coordination of planning,
17 programming and expending of public resources; and

18 WHEREAS, current and future challenges are presented by
19 such issues as population growth; the community need for job
20 production, education and recreation; the production and use of
21 energy; and the need for sustainable approaches to land
22 management and use; and

23 WHEREAS, state and local agencies and special
24 jurisdictions customarily operate independently and with
25 limited awareness of one another's data, forecasts,

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1 assumptions, policies, plans, programs and projects; and

2 WHEREAS, the state would benefit from comprehensive long-
3 range planning of public facilities and public works; and

4 WHEREAS, a state planning and community design department
5 could provide the state with a comprehensive plan that
6 coordinates the plans of all communities, agencies and
7 departments in the state as well as provide needed planning
8 assistance to municipalities and counties and provide
9 coordination of capital outlay in New Mexico communities; and

10 WHEREAS, the committee on government efficiency in its
11 report to the governor recommended that the office of the
12 governor and the legislature cooperatively examine the prospect
13 of re-engineering state government to meet modern times and
14 conditions;

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
16 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that as the state of New Mexico considers
17 the reorganization of state government, the creation of a state
18 planning and community design department with the
19 responsibilities of developing a long-range comprehensive plan
20 for public facilities and public works and for providing
21 community planning assistance be considered; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
23 delivered to the governor, the speaker of the house of
24 representatives and the president pro tempore of the senate.