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ENDORING THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO'S INITIATIVE FOR A  
HUMANITIES RESEARCH AND TEACHING CENTER.

WHEREAS, national recognition of the university of New Mexico as a research-intensive institution reflects the significant contributions that faculty members in all fields, including the humanities, make to the national knowledge base and the funding that supports creation of new knowledge; and

WHEREAS, the driving forces behind the university of New Mexico's strengths in interdisciplinary humanities research and teaching include the internationally recognized faculty and programs in native language preservation, border studies, regional studies and transnational, international and global studies; and

WHEREAS, the university of New Mexico is in a unique

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1 position to be a leader in critical state and national efforts  
2 to understand the synergies between global forces and local  
3 values; and

4 WHEREAS, the tension between local and global forces and  
5 how people understand it will become necessary parts of every  
6 student's education in the twenty-first century; and

7 WHEREAS, the university of New Mexico and the state  
8 currently benefit from the expertise of humanities faculty  
9 members scattered across the campus who have reached out  
10 statewide to develop public programs, policy conferences and  
11 training and resources for public educators at all levels in  
12 the state; and

13 WHEREAS, the humanities faculty at the university of New  
14 Mexico sees a need to engage in interdisciplinary collaboration  
15 with the public schools and with branch college and community  
16 college faculty to expand efforts in public programming, in  
17 developing curricula and resources around the issues of  
18 globalism and localism, in twenty-first-century strategies for  
19 language and cultural preservation and instruction and in  
20 linking communities across space through the use of informatics  
21 and digital platforms; and

22 WHEREAS, the university of New Mexico has endorsed a  
23 proposal by the humanities faculty to establish a humanities  
24 teaching and research center with a central goal of  
25 facilitating the development of outreach efforts to enhance

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1 humanities-based activities, knowledge and resources in public  
2 venues, in the public schools and at branch colleges and  
3 community colleges across the state; and

4 WHEREAS, the university of New Mexico is requesting  
5 funding under the national endowment for the humanities  
6 challenge grant program to assist in the development of the  
7 humanities teaching and research center;

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
9 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico congressional  
10 delegation be urged to support the university of New Mexico's  
11 initiative for the establishment of a humanities teaching and  
12 research center with funding from the national endowment for  
13 the humanities challenge grant program; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislature encourage the  
15 public education department, the higher education department,  
16 the cultural affairs department and any other relevant agencies  
17 to work with the humanities teaching and research center to  
18 develop programs and resources for addressing the social and  
19 cultural issues facing New Mexico in the twenty-first century;  
20 and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
22 transmitted to the office of the governor, the public education  
23 department, the higher education department and the cultural  
24 affairs department.

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