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A MEMORIAL

ENCOURAGING FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL AGENCIES TO DETERMINE AND
DOCUMENT THEIR EFFECTS ON AGRICULTURAL COMMUNITIES AND
ENTERPRISES.

WHEREAS, New Mexico has a unique fabric of customs and
cultures resulting from centuries of tenancy by a variety of
ethnic groups and backgrounds with their identity grounded in
natural resources; and

WHEREAS, agriculture and the procurement of natural
resources have been a primary pursuit and the unifying theme
among all customs and cultures of New Mexico for centuries, and
they provide a stable base for local economies and community
stability; and

WHEREAS, nontraditional demands are often to the detriment
of local customs, cultures and communities relying on natural

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1 resource products for personal and economic well-being;

2 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
3 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that agriculture and
4 other natural resource procurement occupations be respected as
5 essential to maintaining the unique and rich traditional
6 western heritage and customs and cultures important to New
7 Mexicans, their ancestors and their descendants; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that federal, state and local
9 agencies be encouraged to determine and document the effects of
10 their activities, laws, regulations and policies in
11 coordination, cooperation and consultation with county
12 governments, affected communities and individuals to consider
13 the impacts these actions have on New Mexico's rural
14 communities, economies, traditions and customs and cultures.