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10 A JOINT MEMORIAL

11 REQUESTING THE NEW MEXICO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO ADOPT A RULE
12 TO REQUIRE THE USE OF ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION AND HANDOUTS FOR
13 INTERIM COMMITTEES.

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15 WHEREAS, New Mexico is currently experiencing a budget
16 crisis; and

17 WHEREAS, requests for copies of documents from the
18 legislature are significant in number; and

19 WHEREAS, the public has a right to easy access to
20 legislative documents; and

21 WHEREAS, paper printing and photocopying require extensive
22 use of energy and natural resources;

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
24 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico legislative council be
25 requested to consider proposals for rules to convert to and

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1 make electronic communication and handout distribution
2 available for interim committees; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the rules, at a minimum,
4 provide for polling by the staff of their respective committee
5 members to determine those members who desire to receive
6 committee information in electronic format rather than paper
7 and to direct all entities testifying to the respective
8 committees to work with staff to provide those members a copy
9 of materials to be handed out in electronic format in addition
10 to paper documents for those who wish to continue to receive
11 hard copies; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
13 transmitted to the co-chairs of the New Mexico legislative
14 council.