

1 SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 18

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

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10 A JOINT MEMORIAL

11 EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE CONSOLIDATION OF NATIONAL SOLAR  
12 OBSERVATORY STAFF TO NEW MEXICO AND ENCOURAGING EFFORTS TO  
13 MAXIMIZE THE BENEFITS OF THE CONSOLIDATION TO THE NATIONAL  
14 SOLAR OBSERVATORY AND THE PEOPLE OF NEW MEXICO.

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16 WHEREAS, the main facility of the national solar  
17 observatory is currently located in Sunspot, New Mexico; and

18 WHEREAS, a call for proposals from the national science  
19 foundation to consolidate the national solar observatory  
20 scientific and engineering staff to a single university campus  
21 is expected to be issued in early 2010; and

22 WHEREAS, New Mexico state university, the university of  
23 New Mexico and the New Mexico institute of mining and  
24 technology desire to retain the national solar observatory  
25 within the state and to have New Mexico state university host

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1 it on its Las Cruces campus; and

2 WHEREAS, New Mexico state university's science,  
3 engineering and mathematics departments and its physical  
4 science laboratory will directly benefit from interactions with  
5 the national solar observatory as it will allow for better  
6 recruitment of excellent faculty, increase the quality of  
7 education for graduate and undergraduate students and  
8 accommodate joint research programs between New Mexico's  
9 universities and the national solar observatory; and

10 WHEREAS, there is a potential that one hundred jobs could  
11 be created in Dona Ana county with a yearly labor income impact  
12 of six million dollars (\$6,000,000); and

13 WHEREAS, these high-paying jobs will not be created in New  
14 Mexico unless a compelling state response to the anticipated  
15 national science foundation call for proposals is constructed;  
16 and

17 WHEREAS, other groups will aggressively seek to relocate  
18 the national solar observatory to their states;

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
20 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that it express its support for the  
21 consolidation of national solar observatory staff to New Mexico  
22 and that it encourage efforts to maximize the benefits of the  
23 consolidation to the national solar observatory and the people  
24 of New Mexico; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be

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1 transmitted to the directors of the national solar observatory  
2 and the national science foundation and to the board of regents  
3 of New Mexico state university.

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