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10	A JOINT MEMORIAL
11	REQUESTING THE FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY TO ADOPT
12	REGULATIONS THAT ALLOW FOR TRAVEL BY MEXICAN VISITORS WITHIN A
13	SEVENTY-FIVE MILE RADIUS OF THEIR PORTS OF ENTRY.
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15	WHEREAS, federal department of homeland security
16	regulations for Arizona ports of entry extend the distance that
17	Mexican nationals may travel into the United States without
18	obtaining additional immigration documentation; and
19	WHEREAS, the ports of entry of Sasabe, Nogales, Mariposa,
20	Douglas and Naco allow visitors to travel within seventy-five
21	miles of that border region of Arizona; and
22	WHEREAS, this rule is intended to promote commerce in the
23	southern Arizona border area while still ensuring that
24	sufficient safeguards are in place to prevent illegal entry
25	into the United States; and
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<u>underscored material = new</u> [bracketed material] = delete WHEREAS, New Mexico also has a border with Mexico and has cultural and economic exchange needs that are similar to those of Arizona;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the federal department of homeland security be requested to approve regulations allowing for seventy-five miles of travel within the radius of ports of entry into New Mexico by Mexican nationals; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the secretary of the department of homeland security and to the New Mexico congressional delegation.

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