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HOUSE MEMORIAL 30

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY TO DEVELOP AN ANALYSIS OF BROADBAND GAPS AND DEFICIENCIES AND TO DEVISE A SPECIFIC ACTION PLAN TO COORDINATE ACTIVITIES TOWARD THE DEPLOYMENT OF BROADBAND TO SPECIFIC TARGETS ACROSS THE STATE.

WHEREAS, high-speed broadband is vital to the education of New Mexico's children; and

WHEREAS, access to broadband is important to the health, public safety and welfare of New Mexicans; and

WHEREAS, many New Mexico communities lack high-speed access to the internet; and

WHEREAS, there are many funding opportunities available to help deliver broadband to needed areas; and

WHEREAS, there are private, public, nonprofit and cooperative entities that provide broadband services throughout

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1 the state; and

2 WHEREAS, the federal government provides funding for
3 broadband deployment through the United States department of
4 agriculture, the United States department of commerce and the
5 United States department of homeland security; and

6 WHEREAS, New Mexico should exhaust all funding sources
7 available to address critical broadband needs; and

8 WHEREAS, a targeted strategic plan is needed to match
9 broadband funding sources with specific needs; and

10 WHEREAS, New Mexico should engage in an action plan to
11 address broadband gaps and deficiencies;

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
13 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the department
14 of information technology be requested to develop an analysis
15 of broadband gaps and deficiencies and to devise a specific
16 action plan to coordinate activities toward the deployment of
17 broadband to specific targets across the state of New Mexico;
18 and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department of information
20 technology be requested to develop a specific list of
21 communities, institutions and areas in need of broadband
22 improvements, including the estimated cost and funding sources
23 for the improvements; and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department of information
25 technology be requested to coordinate efforts to deploy

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1 broadband to targeted areas by working with funders and local
2 entities, to provide a timeline for the improvements to be
3 made, to establish benchmarks and goals for the projects and to
4 report its progress to the appropriate interim legislative
5 committee; and

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
7 transmitted to the secretary of information technology.

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