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A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THAT WESTERN NEW MEXICO UNIVERSITY BE DESIGNATED THE PUBLIC APPLIED LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES UNIVERSITY IN NEW MEXICO.

WHEREAS, western New Mexico university is strongly committed to workforce and career education in its professional programs and applied technology and is also committed to excellence in providing essential skills embedded in broad applied liberal arts and sciences curricula; and

WHEREAS, employers across all occupations consistently identify communication, critical thinking, quantitative reasoning, the ability to work successfully in teams, the practical application of knowledge and adaptability as the core skills needed for work and career success, along with ethical and socially responsible behaviors; and

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1 WHEREAS, these skills and behaviors are the basic goals
2 and outcomes of western New Mexico university's applied liberal
3 arts and sciences education; and

4 WHEREAS, western New Mexico university graduates must
5 compete in a global economy with accelerating change brought
6 about by technology and new knowledge; and

7 WHEREAS, knowledge of the individual's place in the world
8 and understanding of the human journey is a fundamental
9 obligation of a university education, and that knowledge is the
10 foundation for success and happiness in life; and

11 WHEREAS, New Mexico does not have a public four-year
12 higher education institution designated with the specific
13 liberal arts and sciences identity; and

14 WHEREAS, the council of public liberal arts colleges is a
15 consortium of public colleges and universities that advances
16 the aims of its member institutions and drives awareness of the
17 value of public liberal arts education in a student-centered,
18 residential environment; and

19 WHEREAS, the specific designation as the public applied
20 liberal arts and sciences university in New Mexico would
21 advance western New Mexico university's membership in the
22 prestigious council of public liberal arts colleges and would
23 add to the state's higher education reputation; and

24 WHEREAS, western New Mexico university's faculty, staff
25 and administration have established focused and connected

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1 applied liberal arts and sciences core curricula that ensure
2 that its graduates:

3 A. understand themselves within the cultural,
4 philosophical, social, political, scientific, artistic, civic,
5 moral, ethical and sustainable dimensions of the past, present
6 and future;

7 B. possess a high-quality education and training in
8 specific career and workforce areas;

9 C. acquire the essential intellectual, adaptability
10 and behavioral skills employers need;

11 D. demonstrate the ability to make practical
12 application of their knowledge and training for immediate
13 employment with a foundation for long-term success and lifelong
14 learning; and

15 E. are prepared to use their knowledge,
16 understanding and skills to contribute to their communities,
17 state and nation as productive and civically engaged
18 individuals; and

19 WHEREAS, western New Mexico university is committed to
20 sustaining through assessment and continuous improvement its
21 identity as New Mexico's public applied liberal arts and
22 sciences university;

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
24 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that western New Mexico university be
25 designated as the public applied liberal arts and sciences

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1 university in New Mexico; and

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
3 transmitted to the president of western New Mexico university.

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