

1 A MEMORIAL

2 REQUESTING NEW MEXICO COUNTY MANAGERS, IN COLLABORATION WITH
3 ANIMAL SHELTERS, ANIMAL WELFARE ORGANIZATIONS AND INTERESTED
4 INDIVIDUALS, TO DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO SAVE THE
5 LIVES OF HEALTHY, ADOPTABLE DOGS AND CATS IN NEW MEXICO'S
6 ANIMAL SHELTERING SYSTEM.

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8 WHEREAS, a worthy goal of New Mexico residents is to
9 save the lives of all of the healthy, adoptable dogs and cats
10 housed in the counties in New Mexico; and

11 WHEREAS, in 2020, more than six thousand dogs and cats
12 were killed in New Mexico animal shelters, while New Mexico
13 saved four thousand six hundred twenty-three more animals in
14 2020 than in 2019, according to the best friends animal
15 society; and

16 WHEREAS, a no-kill community is generally defined as
17 saving ninety percent or more of the cats and dogs coming
18 through the sheltering system; and

19 WHEREAS, the ultimate goal is to ensure that every
20 shelter has the resources to save every dog and cat that can
21 be saved; and

22 WHEREAS, New Mexicans want to help bring about positive
23 change for the dogs and cats in the care and possession of
24 all county shelters in the state; and

25 WHEREAS, there are positive changes that can be made to

1 increase lifesaving at all shelters and animal welfare
2 facilities throughout New Mexico in order to save all of the
3 healthy, adoptable dogs and cats in the care and possession
4 of those facilities; and

5 WHEREAS, the development of a comprehensive plan to save
6 the lives of healthy, adoptable dogs and cats in New Mexico's
7 animal sheltering system would be worthwhile and beneficial;

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
9 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that New Mexico
10 county managers and other interested parties be requested to
11 convene a task force to develop a comprehensive plan to save
12 the lives of healthy, adoptable dogs and cats in New Mexico's
13 animal sheltering system; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a goal be set to save the
15 lives of all healthy and adoptable dogs and cats at all
16 shelters and animal welfare facilities throughout New Mexico
17 no later than December 31, 2025; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that New Mexico county managers
19 work in collaboration with animal shelters, animal welfare
20 organizations and interested individuals and organizations to
21 develop a comprehensive plan to reach this goal and present
22 that plan to the appropriate interim legislative committee by
23 May 1, 2022; and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
25 transmitted to the managers of New Mexico's thirty-three

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