A MEMORIAL

URGING THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, THE NEW MEXICO
CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION AND ALL OTHER MEMBERS OF THE UNITED
STATES CONGRESS TO FIX THE IMMIGRATION PROBLEM.

WHEREAS, Americans' concern with immigration continues to
be heightened, as twenty-three percent name it as the most
important problem facing the country, according to a 2019
Gallup poll; and

WHEREAS, according to the United States census bureau,
there were roughly forty-five million immigrants in the United
States in 2017, which is approximately fourteen percent of the
population; and

WHEREAS, two-thirds of undocumented immigrants have been
living in the United States for ten or more years, and many
undocumented immigrants live with their children who are United
States citizens.
States citizens; and

WHEREAS, the influx of people at the United States southern border has increased, as many people are fleeing violence and crime in their home countries; and

WHEREAS, even as immigration is acknowledged as one of the nation's most pressing problems, Americans still view immigration positively in general, according to the Gallup poll; and

WHEREAS, the issue continues to challenge United States lawmakers, as congress and presidents have been unable to enact meaningful legislation and develop a plan for undocumented immigrants living in the United States; and

WHEREAS, this indecision has created, and continues to create, financial and political problems that the United States must deal with;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the president of the United States, the New Mexico congressional delegation and all other members of the United States congress be urged to fix the immigration problem; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the federal government be urged to clearly address the immigration issue and find a pathway for undocumented immigrants to gain United States citizenship; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that undocumented immigrants who
have records of violent crimes, drug trafficking or human
trafficking be determined ineligible to apply for citizenship;
and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the federal government be
urged to address the current backlog of applications for
citizenship by undocumented immigrants and create ways to
expedite the application process; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the federal government be
urged to devise ways to secure United States borders to allow
the free flow of legal access while controlling illegal access
to United States borders and ports; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
transmitted to the president of the United States, members of
the New Mexico congressional delegation and all other members
of the United States congress.