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A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE NEW MEXICO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO DIRECT THE
APPROPRIATE INTERIM COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER CREATION OF THE
OFFICE OF STATE CLIMATOLOGIST.

WHEREAS, weather and climate play extremely influential
and significant roles in the natural world, and knowledge of
climate and climatic processes is important to the health and
well-being of New Mexicans; and

WHEREAS, to meet the need for climatic knowledge,
forty-nine of the fifty United States have each established
an office of state climatologist; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico is a leader in the use of climatic
information to improve agricultural production and assess the
effect of climate on the natural environment; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of an office of state climatologist
would be to assist the state in understanding and responding

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1 to natural and man-induced climatic processes and their
2 implications, to cooperate with the federal government in
3 activities relating to climate studies and advisory services
4 and to promote and disseminate a general knowledge of the
5 climatology of the state;

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
7 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico legislative council
8 be requested to direct the appropriate interim committee to
9 consider creation of the office of a state climatologist,
10 which would assess the effect of climate on the natural
11 environment, agricultural production, land and natural
12 resources and human health, and make recommendations on key
13 issues such as financing the collection and dissemination of
14 climatic information to educate the national population and
15 the tourist industry about the healthy and unique climate of
16 New Mexico that makes the state not only an exemplary place
17 to live and visit, but also an ideal place to locate industry
18 and associated jobs; and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
20 transmitted to the New Mexico legislative council members.