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**44TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION,
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A JOINT MEMORIAL

URGING THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO
TO RECOGNIZE GRADUATE STUDENT WORKERS AS EMPLOYEES.

WHEREAS, graduate student workers at the university of
New Mexico are teaching assistants, research assistants,
graduate assistants and professional assistants; and

WHEREAS, graduate student workers essentially perform
the work of professors, work that is basic to the function
and success of the university, by performing necessary
teaching and research functions for the professors; and

WHEREAS, graduate student workers, in addition to their
teaching and research functions, perform duties such as
grading student work and providing office hours for student
instruction, which would not otherwise be available to the
students; and

WHEREAS, graduate student workers, through their high

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1 quality research, attract other graduate students to the
2 university of New Mexico, which stimulates enrollment of
3 graduate and undergraduate students and which ultimately
4 strengthens the economy of New Mexico; and

5 WHEREAS, graduate student workers who earn salaries are
6 subject to all the same taxes that employees are subject to,
7 and the university catalogs graduate student workers as
8 employees;

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
10 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the board of regents of the
11 university of New Mexico be urged to recognize the graduate
12 student workers as employees for all purposes, including for
13 the purposes of bargaining for compensation, health care and
14 other benefits; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
16 delivered to the board of regents of the university of New
17 Mexico.