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A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE NEW MEXICO COALITION FOR COMMUNITY ACCESS
TELEVISION PROVIDERS TO ADVISE LOCAL GOVERNMENT WITH REGARD
TO EXISTING AND EMERGING COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY FOR THE
PURPOSE OF PROMOTING, ADVOCATING, COORDINATING AND FOSTERING
ACCESS TO PUBLIC, EDUCATIONAL AND GOVERNMENT INFORMATION.

WHEREAS, the state of New Mexico has a compelling
interest in promoting education, economic growth, public
health, public safety, democratic discourse and cultural
expression in improving the performance of institutions of
self-governance and improving communications between and
among the public and public officials; and

WHEREAS, the state believes that its residents should
have access to diverse information, educational voices,
viewpoints and perspectives over telecommunications networks,
including cable, broadcast, microwave and satellite systems,

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1 internet, video systems, streaming video and other advanced
2 or emerging telecommunications; and

3 WHEREAS, the convergence of various media and the
4 explosion in overall telecommunications capacity have
5 eliminated many distinctions between and among the types of
6 telecommunications services; and

7 WHEREAS, public educational and governmental access to
8 telecommunications services is an appropriate form of
9 compensation to the state, local and tribal governments for
10 use of public rights of way; and

11 WHEREAS, diversification in the telecommunications,
12 utilities and entertainment industries necessitates fair
13 regulatory treatment of all providers of telecommunications;

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
15 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico coalition of
16 community access television providers be requested to advise
17 local governments with regard to access for existing and
18 emerging communication technology through the coordinated
19 efforts of New Mexico public, educational and governmental
20 access channels; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
22 distributed to the director of the New Mexico coalition for
23 community access television providers for appropriate
24 distribution.
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