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RECOGNIZING PARA-AVIATION AS A VALUED INDUSTRY AND SPORT IN NEW MEXICO.

WHEREAS, New Mexico is known for its blue skies, year-round great weather and gorgeous landscapes; and

WHEREAS, the desire to fly has burned in the bosom of man since mythological times; and

WHEREAS, para-aviation is a means by which to fulfill that desire and has captured the imagination of thousands of people around the world; and

WHEREAS, para-aviation, which includes forms of personal flight such as skydiving, parachuting, paragliding, powered parachuting and powered paragliding, is a class of sport engaged in internationally and in New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, para-aviation technology is rapidly evolving and

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1 is continuously undergoing research and development and New
2 Mexico is a desirable place to conduct those activities,
3 including manufacturing; and

4 WHEREAS, what the para-aviation industry is doing for
5 personal flight is much like what the computer industry is
6 doing for personal computing; and

7 WHEREAS, New Mexico encourages diverse and clean
8 industries such as para-aviation; and

9 WHEREAS, individual New Mexicans have been internationally
10 recognized for their contributions to para-aviation; and

11 WHEREAS, like ballooning in its early days, para-aviation
12 has taken off and launched New Mexico into a new era; and

13 WHEREAS, para-aviators from around the world have come to
14 fly the skies of New Mexico and enjoy the breathtaking views of
15 its mesas and mountains from aloft; and

16 WHEREAS, powered paragliders and powered parachutes can
17 fly low and slow and have helped with search and rescue
18 operations in New Mexico; and

19 WHEREAS, men, women, boys and girls, young and old alike,
20 enjoy participating in and observing the wonders of personal
21 flight;

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
23 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that it recognize the contributions being
24 made by the sport of para-aviation to the quality of life in
25 New Mexico; and

