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RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF AMATEUR RADIO OPERATORS AND  
REQUESTING MUNICIPALITIES AND COUNTIES TO AVOID OVERREGULATION  
OF AMATEUR RADIO OPERATORS.

WHEREAS, members of the amateur radio service community  
have provided invaluable emergency communications services  
following disasters such as the Cerro Grande fire, tornadoes,  
storms, floods, wildfires and industrial accidents across the  
state; and

WHEREAS, amateur radio service has made a contribution to  
our nation's communications by crafting, in 1961, the first  
earth satellite licensed by the federal communications  
commission, by its proof-of-concept for search rescue  
satellites, by its continued exploration of the low earth  
orbit, by its pioneering of communications using reflections

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1 from meteor trails, a technique now used for certain  
2 government and commercial communications, and by its leading  
3 role in the development of low-cost, practical data  
4 transmission by radio such as in the land mobile service; and

5 WHEREAS, the United States congress, in enacting the  
6 Communications Act of 1934, defined radio stations to include  
7 amateur radio stations operated by persons without pecuniary  
8 interest in radio technique and expressed its determination to  
9 promote safety of life and property through the use of radio  
10 communications; and

11 WHEREAS, congress established a policy to encourage the  
12 provision of new technologies and services and set forth  
13 regulations to clarify and extend the purposes of the amateur  
14 radio service as a voluntary noncommercial communications  
15 service that:

- 16 A. provides emergency communications;
- 17 B. contributes to the advancement of the  
18 telecommunications infrastructure;
- 19 C. encourages improvement of an individual's  
20 technical and operating skills;
- 21 D. provides a national reservoir of trained  
22 operators, technicians and electronics experts; and
- 23 E. enhances international good will;

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
25 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that amateur radio operators be recognized

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1 for their contributions to technical progress in electronics  
2 and for their emergency radio communications in times of  
3 disaster; and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that reasonable accommodation be  
5 made for the effective operation of amateur radio stations  
6 from residences, private vehicles and public areas, and that  
7 regulation at all levels of government should facilitate and  
8 encourage amateur radio operation as a public benefit; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that municipalities and counties  
10 be requested to avoid overregulation of amateur radio  
11 operators; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be  
13 transmitted to each municipal council and each county  
14 commi ssi on.