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10 A JOINT MEMORIAL

11 REQUESTING THE STATE'S DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, THE OIL
12 CONSERVATION DIVISION OF THE ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL
13 RESOURCES DEPARTMENT AND THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
14 TO COOPERATE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF A COORDINATED PERMIT
15 PROCESS FOR OIL AND GAS ACTIVITIES.

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17 WHEREAS, the oil and gas industry is subject to several
18 state and federal permitting procedures; and

19 WHEREAS, these permitting procedures generally require
20 the same information but are not designed to track with one
21 another; and

22 WHEREAS, lack of coordination between the permitting
23 agencies can lead to unnecessary delays and inefficiencies in
24 the decision process that can hamper the state's economy; and

25 WHEREAS, coordination between the agencies could improve

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1 agency performance and foster economic development;

2 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
3 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the state's department of
4 environment, the oil conservation division of the energy,
5 minerals and natural resources department and the federal
6 bureau of land management be requested to cooperate in the
7 development of a coordinated permit process for oil and gas
8 activities; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
10 transmitted to the secretaries of environment and energy,
11 minerals and natural resources and the state director of the
12 bureau of land management.