

A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE OFFICE OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS TO DEVELOP A STATE  
CULTURAL POLICY AND PRESERVATION PLAN FOR THE MUSEUM OF NEW  
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WHEREAS, the museum of New Mexico was founded in 1909, and it has had a  
long and illustrious history for almost one hundred years; and

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WHEREAS, the museum of New Mexico consists of the palace of the governors,  
the fine arts museum, the museum of international folk art, the museum of Indian arts  
and culture, the laboratory of anthropology, the office of archaeological services,  
Coronado state monument, El Camino Real heritage center, Fort Seldon state  
monument, Fort Sumner state monument, Jemez state monument, old Lincoln county  
memorial and, soon, Mesilla state monument; and

WHEREAS, the museum is known worldwide for its priceless collections that  
belong not only to the current citizens of the state but to future generations as well;  
and

WHEREAS, although it is imperative that these collections be preserved and  
cared for, the museum and the office of cultural affairs do not have a cultural policy  
and preservation plan to ensure that the state's enormous historical and cultural  
heritage will endure;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the office of cultural affairs and the museum of New  
Mexico be requested to establish cultural policies and preservation plans for each of  
the components of the museum of New Mexico; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the office of cultural affairs and the board of regents of the museum of New Mexico.

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