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HOUSE MEMORIAL 2

47TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2006

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY DEVELOP
GUIDELINES FOR THE EVACUATION OF DOMESTIC PETS, AS WELL AS
INDIVIDUALS, DURING DISASTERS.

WHEREAS, the efforts to evacuate New Orleans in response
to Hurricane Katrina brought to light the unwillingness of pet
owners to abandon their pets; and

WHEREAS, pet owners demonstrated that they were willing to
risk their own lives to protect the lives of their pets; and

WHEREAS, the inability of emergency shelters to accept
pets was clearly a factor in pet owners not seeking safety
during Hurricane Katrina; and

WHEREAS, with advance planning, this issue can be
addressed before evacuations are necessary;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF

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1 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the department
2 of public safety be requested to develop guidelines that can be
3 used by local governments for evacuation planning in order to
4 ensure that New Mexicans are not placed at greater personal
5 risk for their unwillingness to abandon their domestic pets;
6 and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
8 transmitted to the secretary of public safety.

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