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10	A JOINT MEMORIAL
11	RECOGNIZING THE NEED FOR ADDITIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT RESOURCES
12	IN RIO ARRIBA COUNTY.
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14	WHEREAS, the New Mexico state police provides the majority
15	of law enforcement services in Rio Arriba county; and
16	WHEREAS, criminal activity, including property damage,
17	burglaries, drug trafficking and other drug- and alcohol-
18	related crimes, is prevalent in Rio Arriba county and threatens
19	the safety of county residents; and
20	WHEREAS, criminal activity is more likely to occur when
21	the threat of arrest is lower due to a decreased law
22	enforcement presence; and
23	WHEREAS, there are many seniors and single persons living
24	in Rio Arriba county and many of them are becoming angry and
25	afraid for their safety; and
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<u>underscored material = new</u> [bracketed material] = delete WHEREAS, traffic on state roads in Rio Arriba county is increasing, and the number of motorists who violate the speed limit or drive while under the influence of alcohol or drugs endangers the law-abiding residents of the county; and

WHEREAS, fewer than twenty New Mexico state police officers, including supervisory officers, are assigned to the New Mexico state police district that includes Rio Arriba county;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that it recognize the need for additional state police officers in Rio Arriba county to reinforce community efforts to halt and reverse the escalation of criminal activity and unsafe behavior that is adversely affecting the residents of Rio Arriba county; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the secretary of public safety and the Rio Arriba county commission.

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