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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE STATE ENGINEER TO ESTABLISH DOMESTIC WELL
IMPACT AREAS TO LIMIT THE IMPACT OF UNCONTROLLED DRILLING OF
DOMESTIC WELLS IN VULNERABLE AREAS OF THE STATE.

WHEREAS, the continuing approval of new domestic wells
places at risk the long-term viability of the state's water
supplies, the rights of existing users and the state's
ability to meet interstate stream compact obligations in the
future; and

WHEREAS, the state engineer adopted domestic wells rules
and regulations (19.27.5 NMAC) in 2006 to limit the impacts
of uncontrolled drilling of domestic wells in vulnerable
areas denominated as "domestic well management areas"; and

WHEREAS, the state engineer has yet to designate any
area of the state as a domestic well management area;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the state engineer be requested to
designate domestic well management areas in those areas of
the state where the cumulative impact of domestic wells is
most likely to impair the rights of existing water users; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
transmitted to the state engineer. _____