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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO DENOUNCE THE MEXICAN WOLF RECOVERY PROGRAM AND TO FORMALLY ENGAGE AND DEMAND THAT THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR TURN MANAGEMENT OF MEXICAN WOLVES OVER TO THE STATE.

WHEREAS, the livestock industry in New Mexico contributed one billion seven hundred fifty million dollars (\$1,750,000,000) in 2012 to the state's economy; and

WHEREAS, over fourteen thousand New Mexicans are directly employed by the livestock industry in New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, the United States fish and wildlife service has implemented a Mexican wolf recovery program in New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, the United States fish and wildlife service recently enacted a new program regarding Mexican wolves that greatly expands the area in New Mexico where wolves will be

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1 released and new wolf packs established; and

2 WHEREAS, Mexican wolf depredation and failed federal
3 interdiction policies have caused enormous economic harm to the
4 livestock industry and local communities in southwestern New
5 Mexico; and

6 WHEREAS, wolf introduction efforts elsewhere in the United
7 States have led to similar effects on the livestock industry
8 and caused drastic decreases in wild deer and elk populations
9 while wolf populations have increased unmanaged and unchecked;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, in promulgating the new federal program regarding
12 Mexican wolves, the federal government failed to adequately
13 analyze the potential future negative environmental and
14 economic impacts of the revised federal Mexican wolf
15 introduction program; and

16 WHEREAS, the federal government is continuing an illegal
17 program of releasing wolves in New Mexico against the wishes of
18 the governor, the state game commission and the New Mexico
19 department of game and fish; and

20 WHEREAS, the Endangered Species Act does not allow listing
21 at the subspecies level (*Canis lupus baileyi*), and gray wolves
22 (*Canis lupus*) have been proposed to be delisted; and

23 WHEREAS, the federal government continues to prove it is
24 not capable of fiscally or biologically managing Mexican wolves
25 in New Mexico;

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