

1 A JOINT MEMORIAL

2 REQUESTING THAT WESTERN NEW MEXICO UNIVERSITY BE DESIGNATED  
3 THE PUBLIC APPLIED LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES UNIVERSITY IN  
4 NEW MEXICO.

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6 WHEREAS, western New Mexico university is strongly  
7 committed to workforce and career education in its  
8 professional programs and applied technology and is also  
9 committed to excellence in providing essential skills  
10 embedded in broad applied liberal arts and sciences  
11 curricula; and

12 WHEREAS, employers across all occupations consistently  
13 identify communication, critical thinking, quantitative  
14 reasoning, the ability to work successfully in teams, the  
15 practical application of knowledge and adaptability as the  
16 core skills needed for work and career success, along with  
17 ethical and socially responsible behaviors; and

18 WHEREAS, these skills and behaviors are the basic goals  
19 and outcomes of western New Mexico university's applied  
20 liberal arts and sciences education; and

21 WHEREAS, western New Mexico university graduates must  
22 compete in a global economy with accelerating change brought  
23 about by technology and new knowledge; and

24 WHEREAS, knowledge of the individual's place in the  
25 world and understanding of the human journey is a fundamental

1 obligation of a university education, and that knowledge is  
2 the foundation for success and happiness in life; and

3 WHEREAS, New Mexico does not have a public four-year  
4 higher education institution designated with the specific  
5 liberal arts and sciences identity; and

6 WHEREAS, the council of public liberal arts colleges is  
7 a consortium of public colleges and universities that  
8 advances the aims of its member institutions and drives  
9 awareness of the value of public liberal arts education in a  
10 student-centered, residential environment; and

11 WHEREAS, the specific designation as the public applied  
12 liberal arts and sciences university in New Mexico would  
13 advance western New Mexico university's membership in the  
14 prestigious council of public liberal arts colleges and would  
15 add to the state's higher education reputation; and

16 WHEREAS, western New Mexico university's faculty, staff  
17 and administration have established focused and connected  
18 applied liberal arts and sciences core curricula that ensure  
19 that its graduates:

20 A. understand themselves within the cultural,  
21 philosophical, social, political, scientific, artistic,  
22 civic, moral, ethical and sustainable dimensions of the past,  
23 present and future;

24 B. possess a high-quality education and training  
25 in specific career and workforce areas;

1 C. acquire the essential intellectual,  
2 adaptability and behavioral skills employers need;

3 D. demonstrate the ability to make practical  
4 application of their knowledge and training for immediate  
5 employment with a foundation for long-term success and  
6 lifelong learning; and

7 E. are prepared to use their knowledge,  
8 understanding and skills to contribute to their communities,  
9 state and nation as productive and civically engaged  
10 individuals; and

11 WHEREAS, western New Mexico university is committed to  
12 sustaining through assessment and continuous improvement its  
13 identity as New Mexico's public applied liberal arts and  
14 sciences university;

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
16 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that western New Mexico university be  
17 designated as the public applied liberal arts and sciences  
18 university in New Mexico; and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial  
20 be transmitted to the president of western New Mexico  
21 university.

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