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REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SERVICE TO COORDINATE A

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REVIEW OF THE STATE'S LAWS AND RECOMMEND TECHNICAL CHANGES.

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WHEREAS, the laws of New Mexico should be easily

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understood by the people who must abide by and administer them;

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and;

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WHEREAS, many of New Mexico's laws contain antiquated,

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confusing or invalid language or provisions, which can lead to

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the inadvertent misapplication of the law, frustration by those

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who are trying to follow or execute the law and a loss of

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confidence by the people in their government's relevance and

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ability to manage its affairs; and

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WHEREAS, the legislative council service is qualified to

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coordinate review of New Mexico's laws by its staff, other

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state agencies familiar with the statutes as a whole, as well

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as specific codes and acts, and other public and private entities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the legislative council service be requested to coordinate a review of the state's laws and recommend technical changes over time to the appropriate interim committees of the legislature; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be transmitted to the director of the legislative council service.

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