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SENATE MEMORIAL 2

42ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SPECIAL SESSION
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A MEMORIAL

RECOGNIZING THE DEDICATION OF STATE, COUNTY, MUNICIPAL AND
PRIVATE RECORDS MANAGERS AND CLERKS AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS
PROFESSIONALS WHO PRESERVE AND DISSEMINATE IMPORTANT
INFORMATION.

WHEREAS, record-keeping has long been considered of great
importance in New Mexico, dating back to 1540 when the military
scribes of Francisco Vasquez de Coronado recorded the
exploration of the vast frontier; and

WHEREAS, when Don Juan de Onate set out to settle New
Mexico in 1598, he chose to bring forty-one reams of paper with
him in lieu of carrying more critical supplies; and

WHEREAS, the New Mexico state records center and archives
has in its repository a document prepared in 1621 that is the

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1 oldest surviving document prepared in the continental United
2 States; and

3 WHEREAS, Secretary of State Stephanie Gonzales first
4 recognized the importance and dedication of public employees and
5 elected officials by declaring April 5, 1995 as the first
6 records and information management professionals day in New
7 Mexico; and

8 WHEREAS, the secretary of state's office is the official
9 repository of records vital to government, commerce and industry
10 in the state of New Mexico, and continues to be the premier
11 records-keeping agency in New Mexico by its work in establishing
12 standards for electronic signature authentication; and

13 WHEREAS, Governor Gary Johnson has recognized the
14 importance of establishing April 2, 1996 as the second annual
15 records and information management day in New Mexico through his
16 open door at four program; and

17 WHEREAS, the association of records managers and
18 administrators international represents nearly 11,000 records
19 managers and information specialists throughout the world, with
20 the purpose of promoting professionalism and education in
21 records and information management, and the association provides
22 a forum for the exchange of information and the establishment of
23 standards within information management and electronic record-
24 keeping practices; and

25 WHEREAS, the management and control and quality assurance

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1 of information is increasingly critical to every industry,
2 business and government agency, and the systematic creation,
3 distribution, storage and retrieval of records are of vital
4 importance to the continued and efficient operation of all
5 organizations; and

6 WHEREAS, many public employees, public officers and elected
7 officials at the state, county and municipal levels have worked
8 long hours to assure the integrity, reliability, protection and
9 preservation of vital public records under their custody; and

10 WHEREAS, encouraging this type of education and public
11 recognition promotes: productivity and profits, organizational
12 efficiency, consumer and public awareness, the reduction of
13 costs and budgets, decreases in public fraud and abuse, the
14 elimination of duplicative procedures and regulations, the
15 streamlining of processes, the simplification of paperwork, the
16 recycling and reduced consumption of paper, the planning of
17 operational change and systems analysis, the tracking and
18 dissemination of information on criminal acts and activities,
19 the protection of employee rights, the decrease of ethics
20 violations, the reduction and avoidance of an employer's legal
21 liabilities and preserves records for historical research and
22 future generations of New Mexicans;

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
24 OF NEW MEXICO that the legislative council service reserve the
25 capitol rotunda on April 2, 1996 at noon for the celebration and

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1 proclamation of records and information management day in New
2 Mexico; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each municipality and county
4 and their respective executive, legislative and judicial
5 branches be encouraged to recognize their public employees,
6 public officers and elected officials who are interested in
7 improving the quality management of their records and
8 information systems in their home communities; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
10 transmitted to the co-chairmen of the New Mexico legislative
11 council.

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